



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

17 & 18 February ~ First Sunday of Lent ~ Year B

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



There are two options a priest can use when distributing the ashes on Ash Wednesday. The traditional is *'Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return'* and the more recent *'Repent and believe in the Gospel'*. Both are meant to disturb and challenge us to make a response.

This year I chose *'Remember you are dust...'* Not just because we've had a lot of funerals recently, and my own can't be too far off, but because all of us need to face the obvious that we shall die someday. In response to the greatest temptation we have, which is to put off to tomorrow what needs to be addressed today, the Church says boldly: *'Now is a favourable time; this is the day of salvation'*.

St Mark was writing for the first Christians. They were being persecuted by the Emperor Nero, being thrown to the wild beasts in the Roman Coliseum. So Mark writes about Jesus being

surrounded by wild beasts, while being tempted in the desert to choose another path, in order to avoid the human wild beasts who will otherwise crucify him. He stood firm. So did the Roman martyrs.

Lent can be wilderness experience. We have to confront demons outside and within us. But we are not alone, as the Church at the beginning of Lent takes Jesus with us into the desert. Unlike him, however, we are all tempted; we all fail; we all sin. The Gospel challenges us to change our minds about the way we think, change our hearts about the Gospel we ignore, and change our ways about habits of sin.

Lent reminds us of our need to begin again, facing the enemy within us. Let us call upon the Lord to give us the grace to achieve this once more.

Father Nicholas

Please give as generously as you can to CaFod's Family Fast Day, next week on Friday 23 February. The attached envelope is for your donation and please return next week. Thank you.

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LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

LENT – PRAYER, FASTING, WORKS OF LOVE

STATION MASSES

Each Friday there is a parish Mass at 7pm at a different church. Each Mass begins with Evening Prayer and Adoration and offers the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- 23 February – Our Lady, St Martin
- 2 March – St Patrick
- 9 March – Sacred Heart
- 16 March – St Matthieu
- 23 March – St Bernadette

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

- ❖ Our Lady, St Martin Sundays - 4pm
- ❖ St Thomas Sundays - 5pm
- ❖ St Matthieu Mondays - 6.30pm
- ❖ St Patrick Tuesdays - 7pm
- ❖ St Bernadette Tuesdays - 7.30pm
- ❖ Little Sisters Fridays - 5pm
- ❖ Sacred Heart Saturdays - 5.30pm.

LENT LUNCHESS IN ST THOMAS' HALL

Continue every Wednesday during Lent until Wednesday of Holy Week - 28 March, from 12 noon to 2pm. All very welcome. Funds raised are for CAFOD.

LENT LUNCHESS IN ST MARTIN PUBLIC HALL

Fridays from the 15 February - 12 noon until 2pm. Please come and support the CWL who will be hosting on Friday 2 & 9 March in aid of CAFOD.

LENT LUNCHESS IN GROUVILLE PARISH HALL

Each Saturday from 12 noon to 2pm and on **Saturday 24 February** the ladies from East Catholic Churches will be providing the lunches with proceeds in aid of CAFOD.

EARLY MORNING MASS AND BREAKFAST AT SMSP

During Lent, the early morning Thursday Mass will commence at 7am in St Mary & St Peter's Church, followed with a breakfast in the Hall.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Will take place on Monday of Holy Week, **26 March** at St Mary & St Peter's Church at 7pm.

CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY

Is on **Friday 23 February**. Your donation in the CAFOD family fast day envelope will make double the difference. For every pound you donate, the UK Government will also donate a pound up to a total of £5 million, meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. So please give generously and help us raise £5 million.

LENT MOVIE NIGHTS AT ST PATRICK'S HALL

Excerpts from the film "Jesus of Nazareth" will be shown in St Patrick's Hall, in one hour episodes, each Saturday during Lent from **Saturday 17 February** after the 6pm Mass (7.15pm to 8.15pm). Admission is free, with a voluntary donation towards the youth who will be attending 'World Meeting of Families', in Dublin, this August.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETINGS

East: **Tuesday 20 February** at 6pm at St Patrick's.

West: **Wednesday 21 February** at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Church.

RETREAT FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES....

The Red and Blue groups will be meeting in St Thomas' Hall on **Saturday 24 February** at 10.30am until 4pm. Attendance is essential.

Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Isaac Knight

Funerals

Please pray for the souls of Antonio Pastor and José Ferreira. May they rest in peace.

OASIS OF PEACE

Monday 19 February 6.30pm Stations of the Cross followed at 7pm with Preparation for the Sunday Reading

Tuesday 20 February 2pm Afternoon of Adoration

Wednesday 21 February 6pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 22 February Adoration & Rosary prior of 10am Mass

Friday 23 February 6.30am Morning Prayer followed by breakfast

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£824.00	£462.75
St Helier	£1591.00	£1090.60
West	£881.09	£521.42

COMMUNITY NOTICES

YOU ARE INVITED TO A CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING

West - **Thursday 1 March** 7pm - St Bernadette's Hall.
Town - **Saturday 10 March** 9.30am - St Thomas' Hall.
(The East meeting took place last week.)

WEST LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Meet **Monday 19 February**, 2pm at St Bernadette's. At 3pm there will be a talk from the Stroke Club. All welcome.

ST MARY & ST PETER'S STEWARDSHIP MEETING

Takes place on **Thursday 22 February** at 7.30pm.

CHRISTIAN UNITY GROUP MEETING

Takes place on **Monday 19 February** at St Columba's church, 7.30pm. Permission has kindly been given to park at St Thomas' Church. This interdenominational discussion group's Lent study Course is entitled 'On the Third Day' and the meetings will continue, weekly until the 19 March. All welcome.



A JOINT FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT WITH KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA AND YOUTH

You are invited to join us on **Saturday 14 April** at 2pm at Les Ormes Dome. This is open to girls & boys in school year 7 and upwards, to come and take part with this fundraising event for the Catholic Youth in Jersey.

If you would like to take part then please email: Moyra: m.journeaux@catholicchurch.org.je

YOUTH NEWS

Contact: Moyra Journeaux
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Facebook 'Jersey Catholic Youth'

Youth activities are posted on Facebook.

Follow us on Twitter @JaCy2005

THURSDAYS EVENINGS YOUTH 2000 - from 6.30pm -8.30pm Join us for praying the Stations of the Cross during Lent. Youth from school year 10 upwards are invited to see how Jesus can help *you* to carry *your* cross this Lent.

FRIDAY EVENINGS IN THE YOUTH ROOM - from 7pm - 10pm. School year 7 upwards come and meet other young Catholics in Jersey as well as sharing and developing your knowledge of our faith. Join us for themed faith based activities, followed by chill-out time with friends. Tuck shop available. Come along with a willingness to become involved. The focus during Lent is on praying the Stations of the Cross.



THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Please see the posters in our churches for more details. This pilgrimage is being led by Fr Benjamin and is open to all

family members – singles, couples, parents, grandparents and children – all welcome. We will be travelling as a Catholic Church in Jersey Group with a section for Youth aged Year 7+ and a section for adults and families. Cost: over 18 - £675 and under 18 - £615. We will be fund raising for our youth to help with their costs. Deposits a.s.a.p. please £160. Please contact Mary Cahill for further details or Moyra Journeaux for the Youth Group participation.

JACY 500 CLUB HAS RELAUNCHED!

New members still welcome. Forms are available at the back of each church or contact Moyra on m.journeaux@catholicchurch.org.je In the past the 500 club helped to fund:

- DVD faith formation programmes
- Rosaries & resources
- Spirit on the Rock Youth weekend
- Sponsored young people to participate in pilgrimage

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Contact: Mary Cahill m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je
Tel: 07797742767/732583

PRAISE & PLAY BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Mondays 9.30am - 11.30am in St Bernadette's Hall.

FAMILY FAITH & FUN

For babies, toddlers and primary age children – Fridays 3pm until 5.30pm in St Thomas' Hall.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION

We host a Family Friendly Adoration Fridays 4-5pm in St Thomas'. We need grandparents to commit to a rota helping parents to introduce children to Adoration. Prayer resources will be available for you to use.

SAVE THE DATE FOR EASTER EGGCITMENT!

Saturday 24 March Family event in St Thomas' Hall.

AN INVITATION FOR YOU ALL!

An Island Parish lunch has been booked for **Sunday 29 April** at the Hotel Ambassadeur in St Clement. It is being organised by the Friends of St Thomas and is open to all Island parishioners. Further details will follow together with a booking form but to express interest please telephone Rosemarie Hill on 854281. There will be a raffle – of course! - so if anyone has items to donate please contact Rosemarie. Thank you.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA, EASTER APPEAL 18 FEBRUARY TO 25 MARCH 2018

We will be joining with the Mission to Seafarers, Jersey to visit the crews of ships coming to the island over the Easter period. Will you write an Easter Card to a seafarer? Cards can be left in the boxes provided in each church. Thank you.

THE CATHOLIC GIFT SHOP

Cards are now available for St Patrick's Day, Mothering Sunday and Easter. We also have a large selection of First Holy Communion Gifts and Cards. Please note that the Gift shop will be closed on Fridays from 2pm until after Easter.

TABLE TOP SALE AT ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Thank you so much to all who donated money, goods, time and gave support in any way, raising the marvellous sum of £710, for the Youth who are participating in the 'World Meeting of Families', in Dublin.

There is also a golf bag & umbrella available for sale – please contact 07797826928 for more information.

BINGO IN WEST – THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY

7.30pm in St Bernadette's Church Hall.

For the times of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary & Confession, please see church notice boards.

Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 17 Feb	First Mass for the First Sunday of Lent		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Stefania Webb RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Mary Houillbecq RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
Sunday 18 Feb	First Sunday of Lent		Gen 9:8-15; Psalm 24; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Judy Garland & Olga Baucher RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Alec & Millie Morrissey RIP and John Riordan RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Nicholas Greene RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Joan Wood RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Manuel Filipe RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Donald & Evelyn Wellman RIP and deceased relatives
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: João Gonçalves RIP Ricardo Simões RIP and Michael Le Billon RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Patrick Ennis RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 19 Feb	First Sunday of Lent		Lev 19:1-2.11-18; Psalm 18; Matthew 25:31-46
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Catherine Turner RIP
Tuesday 20 Feb	First Sunday of Lent		Is 55:10-11; Psalm 33; Matthew 6:7-15
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Holy Souls
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Jane & Emile Renault & Family RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Monica Davis RIP
Wednesday 21 Feb	First Sunday of Lent		Jon 3:1-10; Psalm 50; Luke 11:29-32
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Matthew Martin RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart 6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	Maria Nunes da Camara RIP
Thursday 22 Feb	The Chair of St Peter		1 Pet 5:1-4; Psalm 22; Matthew 16:13-19
	7:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Sister Ida RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	For the health, treatment & recovery of a loved child
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Holy Souls
Friday 23 Feb	First Sunday of Lent		Ezek 18:21-28; Psalm 129; Matthew 5:20-26
	7:00 pm	Our Lady, St Martin	Station Mass
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 24 Feb	First Sunday of Lent		Deut 26:16-19; Psalm 118; Matthew 5:43-48
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	11:00 am	St Thomas	Holy Souls
Saturday 24 Feb	First Mass for the Second Sunday of Lent		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Frank Le Breuille RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Yvonne Le Breuille RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Maria Jose Freitas RIP
Sunday 25 Feb	Second Sunday of Lent		Gen 22:1-2.9-13.15-18; Psalm 115; Rom 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Janet & Ricardo Kierulf RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Nigel Clarke RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Grateful thanks for prayers & Masses offered for Nicholas Greene RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	In Thanksgiving 50 th Wedding Anniversary Rosemary & Stuart Hill
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Private Intention
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	The People of the Parish
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Alda Luis RIP, Maria Gorete Abreu and Manuel Basilio Costa RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	António Emanuel and Sandra Santos RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish

Little Sisters: Mass at 11am each weekday and 10.30am every Sunday. For the addresses of the above churches, please call one of our parish offices (phone numbers on the front page of this newsletter) or visit our website: www.catholicchurch.org.je.

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