



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

17 & 18 March 2018 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ Year B

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

What is the public face of the Catholic Church in Jersey? Is it our church buildings? The Catholic schools? The voice of clergy on the radio or soundbites on TV?

Increasingly, I believe, our public face is Caritas Jersey - and other associated Catholic organisations promoting support for the disadvantaged. Did you realise, perhaps from reading the JEP report of the recent debate in the States which led to the adoption of the Living Wage, that it was 'Caritas Jersey' which had motivated and inspired this decision?

Do you know that Caritas Jersey has a 'Prisoners Families Support Scheme', which does what it says in helping families disadvantaged by having a family member in prison? Do you know that at the Oasis of Peace, with the financial support of the SVP, Deacon David Cahill, chaplain to the prison, and his wife Mary, give hospitality to relatives from England of a family member incarcerated in La Moye?

Do you know that Caritas Jersey promotes and supports The Medaille Trust which works against human trafficking? Do you know that Caritas Jersey has a 'Think Tank' which provides responses to government consultation papers that I have been sent as Catholic Dean? It is also about to produce for candidates in the next Island Election and for the general public, a report dealing with the issues of Social Inclusion, Housing and Accommodation, Wage Benefits and Employment and Health. These

views have been drawn up from a consultation process with politicians, civil servants, specialists and others involved in these areas during the last nine months. This document will be shared with you as members of our Catholic Church in the near future.

Do you know that the Society of St Vincent de Paul helps 45-50 people each week through their food bank? They also have a furniture store. Advice and support are offered to individuals and families.

The latest exciting news from Caritas Jersey is the formation within The Welcome Centre of the Caritas International Association (Jersey). This is a new initiative to support our efforts to make the Island a more equitable and fairer society. Whilst continuing to work in a partnership with Highlands College, the Gift Shop and the Cafe, my hope is that this new initiative will enable The Welcome Centre to become more international and supportive of the many minority communities in Jersey.

I believe this is the public face of the Catholic Church in Jersey. It fulfils the words of Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel: *"If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too."*

Father Nicholas

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LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

LENT

STATION MASSES

The final Station Mass during Lent will take place on **Friday 23 March** at 7pm at St Bernadette's Church. Mass begins with Evening Prayer and Adoration and will offer the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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 and Wednesdays at 12 noon
- ❖ Little Sisters Fridays - 5pm
- ❖ Sacred Heart Saturdays - 5.30pm

LENT LUNCHES AT 12 NOON

- **St Thomas' Hall** – Wednesdays and continues through Holy Week. Funds raised for CAFOD.
- **St Martin's Public Hall** – Fridays.
- **Grouville Parish Hall** – Saturdays.

EARLY MORNING MASS AND BREAKFAST

Thursday 22 March at 7am in St Mary & St Peter's Church, followed with a breakfast in the Hall.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Monday 26 March at St Mary & St Peter's Church at 7pm.

"God never ever tires of forgiving us! "Well, Father what is the problem?" Well, the problem is that we ourselves tire, we do not want to ask, we grow weary of asking for forgiveness. He never tires of forgiving, but at times we get tired of asking for forgiveness."

Pope Francis, Angelus 17 March 2013.

EAST FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING

The parents and children next meet on **Tuesday 20 March** at 6pm in the Berni Centre.

Funeral

Please pray for the soul of Annette Le Barz. May she rest in peace.

OASIS OF PEACE WELCOMES YOU TO....

Monday 19 March- 6.30pm - Stations of the Cross followed at 7pm with Preparation for Sunday Readings.

Tuesday 20 March- 2pm – 4pm - Afternoon of Adoration.

Wednesday 21 March- 5pm - Evening Prayer.

Thursday 22 March – 9am - Adoration & Rosary prior to 10am Mass, tea and coffee after Mass.

Friday 23 March - 6.30am - Morning Prayer

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (AOS)

More Easter cards are needed to thank our seafarers and spread the message of Easter. The final drop off date for the cards is **Palm Sunday, 25 March**. Please leave in one of the collection boxes at the back of the churches.

A COMPETITION FOR ALL AGES EASTER EGGCITMENT SATURDAY 24 MARCH ST THOMAS' HALL 9.30AM - 11.30AM

Getting ready for your Family Easter? Can you make a figure or scene using hard boiled eggs? £2 an entry. The theme is our Church Family. There are different age groups and prizes to be won. The age groups are: preschool/reception to year 2 and years 3 - 4 / 5 - 6 and year 7 - 13 and adults too! Please deliver your entries to St Thomas' Hall the day before, between 3.30pm - 10pm or on the day by 10am.

Come on the day to make Easter cards, Easter gardens and crafts. Soup and hotdogs served. Easter tombola, cake stall, games and things to make and buy to bring Easter into your home. Children's DVD's will be showing throughout the event. All proceeds to World Meeting of Families in Dublin for children and youth. We need cakes for the cake stall and Easter Eggs for the tombola. Please drop off on Friday evening or before 9.30am on the day. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR NICHOLAS

We congratulate Fr Nicholas, with love and prayers, as he celebrates his 75th Birthday on **Friday 23 March**.



THE GUILD OF ST THOMAS REALLY NEED YOU ..

To volunteer for just one hour a week so that we can welcome visitors to our beautiful church. Will you help? Fr Nicholas or Daphne Minihaue (861178) look forward to hearing from you.

THE WEST LADIES' FRIENDSHIP GROUP...

Will be holding a special Afternoon Tea on **Monday 19 March** at 2pm at St Bernadette. All ladies very welcome.

ST HELIER LIGHTHOUSE MEETING

On **Wednesday 21 March**, in St Helier Methodist Centre at 8pm.

ISLAND FINANCE COMMITTEE & CARITAS BOARD MEMBERS

Meet with John Mills, Jersey Charity Commissioner on **Thursday 22 March** at 6pm in St Thomas' Hall.

STREET PASTORS AND PRAYER PASTORS

Street Pastors offer reassurance, safety and support on the streets of St Helier on Saturday nights from 11pm until 3am. If you are interested in joining the team, or becoming a prayer pastor, please come along to a training evening with AGM on **Thursday 22 March** at 6.30pm in St Helier Methodist Centre. For more information call Donna tel: 07829740004 or email: jersey@streetpastors.org.uk

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP

Next meet on **Thursday 22 March** to pray and praise at the Presbytery at Our Lady, St Martin at 7.30pm.

WEST BINGO – THURSDAY 22 MARCH

In the Hall at St Bernadette, starting at 7.30pm.

AN ISLAND PARISH LUNCH SUNDAY 29 APRIL

Takes place at the Hotel Ambassadeur in St Clement. It is being organised by the Friends of St Thomas'. For more details please contact Rosemarie Hill on 854281. If anyone can donate to the raffle please contact Rosemarie. Thank you.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY IN JUNE

FCJ Past Pupils' Association are holding a soiree to mark the school's 85th Anniversary on **Friday 15 June** at Government House commencing at 6.30pm. To purchase tickets please contact Carole-Anne Robins tel: 864407.

YOUTH NEWS

Contact: Moyra Journeaux
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Facebook 'Jersey Catholic Youth'.

Friday evenings in the Youth Room - Fridays from 7pm - 10pm. School year 7 plus come along and get to know 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. The focus during Lent is praying the Stations of the Cross.

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

Musicians and Singers - We are interested in hearing from you if you would like to become part of a Youth Music Group. Please contact Moyra: m.journeaux@catholicchurch.org.je or come on a Friday evening to get more information.



THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES IN DUBLIN

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. We hope each church will help at least one family and teenager to attend. **Coin jars** are available in our churches to help us fund youth and children. Please take a jar home to fill with your loose change. Thank you.



CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAYS

Sacred Heart 5.15pm - 5.45pm
St Patrick after 9.30am Mass & before 6pm Mass
St Thomas 11.30am - 12noon & 5pm - 5.45pm
or by arrangement with a priest

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Contact: Mary Cahill m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je
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CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION...

Please note our next gathering date has changed to Wednesday 18 April at Catholic Pastoral Services.

PRaise & Play Baby & Toddler Group

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

FRIDAY FAITH & FUN 3.30pm - 5pm for babies, toddlers and primary age children in St Thomas' Hall.
Thanks to the Catholic Grandparents Association we host a Family Friendly pop in Adoration every Friday between 4pm - 5pm in St Thomas' Church.

CATHOLIC GIFT SHOP IN THE WELCOME CENTRE

Available now: Friends of the Holy Land (FHL) Easter donation vouchers, FHL Easter cards and olive wood gifts. Why not hold your own event to raise funds? Ask for an olivewood collection crib box for your home.

Will you consider making an Easter donation to FHL (Jersey)? Please send to: Deacon Iain, c/o Catholic Pastoral Services, 19 Val Plaisant, St Helier, JE2 4TA.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	Cash	Clergy Assistance	Planned Giving
East	£986.08	£400.00	£462.75
St Helier	£1782.00	£796.00	£1090.60
West	£946.56	£360.45	£521.42

CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY

You can still contribute to the Lent appeal online at cafod.org.uk or by calling 0300 100 0089. All donations received for the appeal by **12 May** will be doubled by the UK Government.

THREE CHRISTIAN FILMS TO VIEW THIS MARCH

- ✚ Mary Magdalene – **Friday 16 March** at Cineworld.
- ✚ Paul, Apostle of the Christ – **Friday 30 March** at Cineworld.
- ✚ Handel's Messiah – **Wednesday 28 March** at the Opera House.

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR ISLAND PARISH?

If so, please complete a registration form available from the back of each church and return to the area office manager, who will add your details to our database.

If your contact details have changed please remember to inform the area office manager.

Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 17 March	First Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Martin Kerins RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Dermot Troy RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
Sunday 18 March	Fifth Sunday of Lent		<i>Jer 31:31-34; Psalm 50; Heb 5:7-9; John 12:20-33</i>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	George Le Masurier RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Elizabeth Clayton RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Wally Nisbet RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Wendy Etechells RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Manuel Filipe RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Sergio Bianchi RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Silvina de Jesus Andrade RIP, Silvano Diogo RIP, José Gonçalves Diogo RIP, Francisco Luís RIP & José Ferreira RIP & Maria Vieira RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Eileen Healy RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 19 March	St Joseph		<i>2 Sam 7:4-5.12-14.16; Rom 4:13.16-18.22; Matthew 1:16.18-21.24</i>
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Catherine Turner RIP
Tuesday 20 March	Of the 5th Week of Lent		<i>Num 21:4-9; Psalm 101; John 8:21-30</i>
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Bill Ayles RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Mary Houiellebecq RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Leoncio Briz RIP and Menilo Briz RIP
Wednesday 21 March	Of the 5th Week of Lent		<i>Dan 3:14-20.24-25.28; Dan 3:52-56; John 8:31-42</i>
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	John Henry Kerr RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart 6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	Maria de Jesus Agrela RIP
Thursday 22 March	Of the 5th Week of Lent		<i>Gen 17:3-9; Psalm 104; John 8:51-59</i>
	7:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Holy Souls
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Larry O'Reilly RIP
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Neville Sydney White RIP
Friday 23 March	Of the 5th Week of Lent		<i>Jer 20:10-13; Psalm 17; John 10:31-42</i>
	7:00 pm	St Bernadette	Station Mass
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 24 March	Of the 5th Week of Lent		<i>Ezek 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13; John 11:45-56</i>
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Joe Dwyer RIP
	11:00 am	St Thomas	Joseph O'Hara RIP
Saturday 24 March	First Mass for Palm Sunday		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Antonio de Jesus Dos Passos RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Mary Jones O'Leary & Sean, Caitlin, & Mac Amhlaois RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Virginia Hogan RIP
Sunday 25 March	Palm Sunday		<i>Mk11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Phil 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47</i>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Jim Kearns RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Peter and Elizabeth Hardiman RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Dennis Gouedard RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	John Etienne RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Mario Dugini RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	The People of the Parish
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Jordão Cassiano RIP, Domingos Nóbrega RIP, João Júnior RIP, Maria de Jesus RIP, Xavier dos Reis RIP and Zélia Mendonça RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Teresa Baptista Freitas 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.

Catholic Pastoral Services	732583	cps@catholicchurch.org.je
The Welcome Centre	767997	thewelcomecentre@catholicchurch.org.je
Caritas Jersey	768963	info@caritasjersey.je
Marriage & Family Life	07797742767	m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je/naturalfertility@catholicchurch.org.je
Saint Vincent de Paul Society	874008	svp@catholicchurch.org.je
The Oasis of Peace	861750	oasis@catholicchurch.org.je
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Padre Pio Prayer Chain	636772	lorraine.pppc@gmail.com

In an emergency (when someone seems to be near death) phone the General Hospital: 442000 and ask them to page the Duty Priest.