



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

6/7 January 2018 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord ~ Year B

THOUGHT FOR EPIPHANY AND THE NEW YEAR

It is boring and frustrating being unwell with bronchitis, but since I'm at home and not in hospital, thanks to the care of my doctors and Manuela, I feel compelled to write you a 'Thought for Epiphany' and for the year that lies ahead.

The journey of the Magi is echoed in the journey of life that each of us must make these next twelve months. It is full of uncertainty, as our future is unpredictable, but by the light of Christ, our superstar, we shall feel our way forward.

Today's gospel reminds us that the Magi used both science and religion to find their way to Jesus. They were astronomers who interpreted the stars, like sailors used to do, and when they arrived in Jerusalem they sought further guidance in the Jewish scriptures.

It is the same for us, for we have to use both human reason and revealed truth to find God in the person of Jesus Christ. Sometimes we are like the less wise men who advised King

Herod where the Christ was to be found, yet failed to go and look for him themselves. That's why the Bishop gave us as a Christmas present an invitation to 'Rediscover Jesus'.

The writer, Matthew Kelly, says "There are two ways to experience this book. The first is to read it from cover to cover. The other way is to use this book as a guide to a 40 day spiritual journey, reading a chapter a day. The second way is a perfect way to begin (or nourish) a habit of daily prayer." Perhaps the Magi's journey also took 40 days.

However, this year has still 360 days to run! As Matthew Kelly also writes in the passage about 'Making sense of suffering', we Catholics used to say when facing any difficulties or setbacks "Offer it up!" We are encouraged to offer up everything we experience each day, both joys and sorrows. So let us make the same prayer, not for today or tomorrow, but for the year that lies ahead. And I had better start with offering up my bronchitis!

Father Nicholas

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LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

PRESENTATION OF DIOCESAN MEDALS

The presentation of the Diocesan Medals will now take place on **Saturday 13 January** at 11am Mass in St Thomas' Church. The presentations to Leslie Crapp, Peter Farrell and Gio Pollano were to be this weekend, but due to Fr Nicholas' illness the ceremony will now be held next weekend. Fr Nicholas hopes that many of you are able to come to the Mass and to the reception afterwards in St Thomas' Hall to show your support and thanks to Peter, Gio and Leslie.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETINGS

- East – **Tuesday 9 January** at 6pm.
- West – **Wednesday 10 January** at 7.30pm.
- St Mary & St Peter's – **Wednesday 10 January** at 7.30pm.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Forms to register for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be available at the back of St Thomas' Church from this weekend.

ADORATION AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament commences again on **Monday 8 January**.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP

Meets fortnightly on Thursday evenings to pray and praise at the presbytery at Our Lady, St Martin. The next meeting will be on **Thursday 11 January** at 7.30pm. Wellspring is a Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group dedicated to living in a closer relationship with Jesus and a deeper life in the Holy Spirit. For more details please contact Mark Lewis: 07880006002.

Baptism

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Nuala De Jesus Oeillet.

Marriage

Congratulations to Benjamin Garnier and Jacqueline Hanlin who were recently married.

Funeral

Please pray for the soul of Francis James McVay. May he rest in peace.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	24/25 Dec	30/31 Dec	Planned Giving
East	£752.32	£883.23	£462.75
St Helier	£1831.00	£1,848.00	£1044.96
West	£910.78	£1,025.41	£521.42

THANK YOU FROM DEACON TONY WARD

A total of £840 was donated to the Jersey Alzheimer's Association in memory of his wife, Maureen.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS SATURDAY 20 JANUARY

For all those who participate in any ministry involving children or vulnerable adults - if you have not attended safeguarding training within the past three years then please come along to the following training sessions, being delivered by Maureen Wiltshire, in St Thomas' Church Hall:

Child Protection – 10.30am – 1pm

Vulnerable Adults – 2pm – 4.30pm.

Please contact Paula Andrew to register your attendance p.andrew@catholicchurch.org.je or call 732583.

THANK YOU FROM THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)

SVP would like to thank all the parishioners for the tremendous support given over the Christmas period. So many families have benefited from your generosity. A special thank you to Moyra and the Junior St Vincent de Paul Society for organising the 'Giving Trees'.

CARITAS JERSEY THINK TANK MEETING

Takes place on **Tuesday 9 January** at 7.30pm in St Thomas' Presbytery.

ST MARY & ST PETER'S STEWARDSHIP MEETING

Takes place on **Thursday 18 January** at 7.30pm.

EVANGELISATION STRATEGY TEAM MEETING

Takes place on **Saturday 20 January** at 8.45am at Catholic Pastoral Services.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2018

Women are invited to attend a **Planning Meeting on Monday 8 January** at 2.30pm at St Columba's Church, Midvale Road. Women's World Day of Prayer 2018 will be held on **Friday 2 March**.



KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA GRAND BALL

In the run up to the centenary of the Order of the Knights of St Columba and the 90th anniversary of Council 216 (Jersey) Council in 2019, a Grand Ball is being hosted by the Knights on **Friday 2 February** at the Pomme D'Or Hotel. Sign-up and information sheets are available and further information can be obtained by contacting the Grand Knight, Danny O hEarchai on 07829703774 or daineal.ohearchai@jayen.co.uk. Final numbers, menu choices, tables and payments are to be confirmed by **17 January** at the latest please. The monies raised will be donated to the good causes chosen by the Knights, namely Missio nationally and the SVP locally.

YOUTH NEWS

Contact: Moyra Journeaux
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FIVE A SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

We are looking for some footballers from Year 7 upwards to join us for a football tournament with the Knights of St Columba. You do not need to be an expert, just someone who wants to have a fun afternoon. We are also looking for an over 18 Youth Team. The tournament will take place **on Saturday 20 January 2pm - 3.30pm** at Les Ormes football dome. Please contact Moyra for more details.

Friday evenings in the Youth Room - Fridays from 7pm - 10pm. Join us for faith based activities and chill-out time with friends.

Youth 2000 Thursdays from 6.30-8.30pm. Join us for Taize prayer time during January.

Youth Pilgrimage to Ireland – Joining the World Meeting of Families in August 2018. Please see Moyra for details. We still have places. There will be an information meeting later this month.

For more information on what is happening in Youth Ministry and to view our autumn term programme of events, please visit our website on www.jacy.org.je

Follow us on Twitter @JaCy2005
To keep updated 'like' us on Facebook - Jersey Association of Catholic Youth.

THE WELCOME CENTRE AND GIFT SHOP

Look forward to welcoming customers again from **Tuesday 9 January.**

OASIS OF PEACE

Preparation for the Sunday Readings – Monday 8 January at 7pm.

Adoration & Rosary - Thursday 11 January at 9am - prior to Mass at St Matthieu.

Morning Prayer - Friday 12 January at 6.30am, followed by breakfast.

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for the Apostleship during the month of January are: Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia - *That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.*

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

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Family Life: Praise & Play Baby & Toddler Group

reopens Monday 8 January at 9.30am - 11.30am St Bernadette's Hall. **Family Faith & Fun** for babies, toddlers & primary age children Fridays after school until 5.30pm reopens on **Friday 12 January** in St Thomas' Hall.



MagnifiKid - We continue to offer the Catholic Comic for our children to use at Mass and at home with their parents. Please take one home from church each week. *The format has been altered and Mary would be pleased to hear any feedback.*

Catholic Parenting programme and a programme to support parents with sex education for their children in a Catholic setting are two new programmes soon to be offered: contact Mary for both.

Marriage - We continue to offer **Marriage Formation**, which is booked through our clergy team, **Marriage Support** for couples in difficulty, and a programme for **divorced & separated** Catholics will also be starting. Please contact Mary in confidence.



Natural Fertility Awareness for girls & women who want to know their own bodies and couples seeking family planning is available from Mary, who is a RGN and Natural Fertility Awareness Practitioner.

World Meeting of Families takes place in August in Dublin. We hope to finalise prices and arrangements asap. Please consider coming along as part of our parish group. <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Chapel of the Little Sisters – every Sunday at 5pm followed by Benediction & Evening Prayer at 5.30pm

The Oasis of Peace – every Thursday at 9am

Sacred Heart, St Aubin – every Wednesday at 6pm

St Mary & St Peter (in Polish) – every Friday at 8pm

St Patrick – every Tuesday - 7pm to 8pm

St Thomas – every Mon, Wed & Fri 1pm to 6pm

St Bernadette – every Friday at 11.30am (before Mass)

ROSARY

The Oasis of Peace every Thursday at 9am

Sacred Heart every Wednesday at 7pm after Mass

St Patrick every Saturday at 9am before Mass

St Thomas every Saturday at 5.30pm before Mass

CONFESSION - SATURDAY

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



Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 6 Jan	First Mass for The Epiphany of the Lord		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Teresa Durbano RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Joan Allenet RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	John Bennett RIP
Sunday 7 Jan	The Epiphany of the Lord		Is 60:1-6; Psalm 71; Eph 3:2.3.506; Matthew 2:1-12
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Josephine Connolly RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Catherine Turner RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Sandra Dalgleish RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Cristina Perestrelo RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Alberto and Cecilia Cabral in Thanksgiving
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Manuel Vieira & Maria Nóbrega, Rosa de Jesus RIP and Manuel de Castro RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Jaime Pereira RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 8 Jan	The Baptism of the Lord		1 Jn 3:22-4.6; Psalm 2; Matthew 4:12-17.23-25
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Catherine Turner RIP
Tuesday 9 Jan	Feria		1 Jn 4:7-10; Psalm 71; Mark 6:34-44
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Mary English RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Mollie Moran RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Pap Reynolds RIP
Wednesday 10 Jan	Feria		1 Jn 4:11-18; Psalm 71; Mark 6:45-52
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Frs Amy, Peter and Eladio RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	
		6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
Thursday 11 Jan	Feria		1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Psalm 71; Luke 4:14-22
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	NO MASS
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Special Intention
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Brian Berry RIP
Friday 12 Jan	St Aelred		1 Jn 5:5-13; Psalm 147; Luke 5:12-16
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Ann Cahill RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 13 Jan	St Hilary		1 Jn 5:14-21; Psalm 149; John 3:22-30
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	11:00 am	St Thomas	Tom Gartlan RIP
Saturday 13 Jan	First Mass for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	For the repose of the soul of Carmel Stone
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Jim McParlane RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Gerard Le Claire
Sunday 14 Jan	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		1 Sam 3:3-10.19; Psalm 39; 1 Cor 6:13-15.17-20; John 1:35-42
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	John Quinn RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Eugenie Guiton and Family RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	James Marsden RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Betty Morrison RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Manuel Filipe RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Private Intention
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: João Silvestre Fernandes RIP and Holy Souls
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Dr Sergio B. Mateo 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
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The Oasis of Peace	861750	oasis@catholicchurch.org.je
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