



# The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

24/25 November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe ~ Year B

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Whilst I was at Seminary training for the Priesthood, a very wise and long-serving Priest asked me, "So, Benjamin, why are you here? Why be a Priest?" I replied with pieties and said something about doing the will of God. He was not impressed. He then said, "Benjamin, there is much pain and sadness in the world, and the Lord is asking you to do something about it." I was reminded of this conversation as I was reflecting on this Feast day of Christ the King. Like Pilate, many ask whether Jesus is really such a powerful King if the world is in such a sorry, sad state. But then, if we listen, to what Jesus has to say, we understand more about His Kingdom. He says that His Kingdom is FOR this world. What does this mean? It means that He has come to us FOR us.

Like that Priest I met, He knows that there is much pain, sadness and loneliness in the world, and so He comes with His Kingship, His Kingdom. It is a Kingdom which is different from any other that we know of. It is a Kingdom where love is the only weapon the King has to hand, and servants make up His army. It is a Kingdom where insult is met with blessing and hatred is combatted with prayer. It is the Kingdom where

all the things of heaven are brought to our sorry earth, so that heaven and earth are one.

This is what Jesus' Kingdom looks like, and He has a Cross for a throne. Whereas the kingdoms of this world run on power, bombs and weapons, Jesus' is of a completely different nature. It runs on the power of love alone and its people thrive on bringing that love into the world. If we are citizens of that Kingdom, if we are followers of Christ the King, then it is this power and rule which we should follow and live by. This will bring a Kingdom where there is no room for hatred or revenge and where it is easier to make a good world than a bad one and where the Lord's own prayer is lived and brought to reality when heaven is brought into our own days.

This may seem impossible and, yes, it is a lofty thought - but what is the alternative? What do we choose, Christ and the Kingdom of God, or ourselves and the world we live in now?

*Fr Benjamin*

## NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER - FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

The Church invites young people to celebrate National Youth Sunday this Sunday, open to all young people in year 7+ at 1.30pm to 4.30pm in St Mary & St Peter's Church. This year the theme is #JustOneFilter. We want young people to hear the message that there is ONE filter that helps us stay true to ourselves, that helps us all to measure our lives in the right ways and present ourselves to others as we are. This is the filter of God's Love. Donations £3.

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## ADVENT

### NIGHT OF LIGHT – FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER

Encounter the living presence of Christ in this pre-Advent evening of prayer and light. The doors at Sacred Heart Church will be open from 7pm to 10pm, for passers-by to be invited in and to light a candle. We need people to be in the church to join in the singing and to pray for the needs of the community and to welcome those who may be drawn in. This is an opportunity to show that our faith is alive, active and open to all. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout. Your support would be appreciated.

### ADVENT ADVENTURE

Come and join us next Saturday 1 December at 11am – 2pm in St Thomas' Hall - £10 per family to include an Advent Wreath, Sacrifice Manger and more. *If you can't pay £10 just come along and make a donation if you can.*

### LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR CHRISTMAS FAIR

On Saturday 1 December from 10am to 3.30pm.

### ADVENT SERVICE OF LIGHT AT ST BERNADETTE

Takes place on Sunday 2 December at 6pm. A traditional procession of light, with Advent hymns and readings. *Mulled wine & mince pies afterwards.*

### ADVENT WINTER WARMER

All volunteers, past and present are invited to come along to Catholic Pastoral Services to join the team for some mince pies and mulled wine/coffee on Tuesday 4 December between 10am and 12 noon.



### JERSEY FESTIVAL CHOIR IN ST THOMAS'

The Annual Festival of Carols takes place on Wednesday 12 December at 8pm. *This year the retiring collection is in aid of the Stroke Association.*

**EAST CHRISTMAS LUNCH** – Sunday 16 December at the Hotel Ambassadeur. More details to follow.

### CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR KNITTED HATS

Please leave knitted hats in the collection boxes in each church. Please fill the hats with small toiletry items: bar of soap, toothpaste, toothbrush and a Christmas card from you "to a Seafarer" thanking them for their work. *The closing date is Sunday 2 December.*

### CATHOLIC GIFT SHOP – WELCOME CENTRE

Available now - Christmas Cards, Catholic Diaries, Advent Calendars, Candles, Cribs, Ceramic Light Domes, Holy Family Statues and Friend of the Holy Land Gift Vouchers, plus much more.

### ST PATRICK'S GIFT SHOP

Available now- Christmas cards, Advent calendars, children's books and more. Come and take a look after weekend Masses.

### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

In aid of Jersey Hospice - Tickets are available from the Caritas Welcome Centre Café - price £1 per strip.

## LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

### WEEKDAY MASS IN ST HELIER

Canon Dominic writes: *'Having noticed how few people come to the 7.30am Mass but how many come to the lunchtime Mass, I have decided to make a slight change. As from the first week of Advent our daily Mass in St Helier will usually be at 12.15pm at St Thomas' Church. This doesn't mean there will never again be early morning or evening Masses in this part of the parish, but as a rule it will be at 12.15pm every day except Sunday and Monday. And from then on, Confessions on a Saturday morning at St Thomas' will be from 11am to noon. Recently appointed parish priests should only ever alter things if they really think it necessary, but the revised Mass time will certainly help me better manage my day and I hope it encourages those of you who can get to a lunchtime Mass to often come along.'*

### MASS FOR DECEASED NEPAL VILLAGERS - 2015 EARTHQUAKE

A special Memorial Mass will be held on Tuesday 4 December at 6pm at St Thomas' Church to remember and pray for the Christian, Buddhist and Hindu children and adults who died in Danda-Kharka and surrounding Nuwakot District during the 2015 earthquake and aftershocks. This has been requested by members of the Team Nepal 2015 who recently returned to open the new primary school and community centre as well as to re-visit the seriously damaged secondary school nearby. All interested in supporting the poorest people of Nepal are invited to attend.

#### THIS WEEK AT THE OASIS OF PEACE

Preparation for the Sunday Readings – Monday 26 November - 7pm.

Adoration & Rosary – Thursday 29 November - 9am.

Morning Prayer - Friday 30 November - 6.30am.

#### WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 6 December to pray and praise at the Presbytery at Our Lady, St Martin at 7.30pm. All very welcome.

#### Baptism

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Ella Ruiz.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### FUNDRAISING AT ST PATRICK'S

A Raffle and Cake Sale will take place after Mass on Saturday 24 November and Sunday 25 November in St Patrick's Hall.

### ANNUAL SOUP KITCHEN

The 20th Annual Soup Kitchen, in aid of the Shelter Trust for the Homeless, will be held in the Royal Square on Tuesday 4 December.

## FCJ PRIMARY SCHOOL

### IN MEMORY OF MISS CATHERINE BUTLER

Miss Butler was a teacher at FCJ Primary School for over 31 years. She sadly passed away unexpectedly on 23 April 2016. As a lasting memory of Miss Butler's dedication and devotion to the pupils, parents and school, FCJ have commissioned a memorial sculpture in the likeness of Miss Butler. This beautiful piece has been expertly crafted by Mrs Aida de la Herran. The School warmly invites past pupils, families, friends and work colleagues to the unveiling of the sculpture which will take place on **Friday 7 December**, at 10.15am in the school grounds. Refreshments will be served afterwards. If you would like to attend please email: [s.renouf@fcj.sch.je](mailto:s.renouf@fcj.sch.je) or call 873128.

### AGM FRIENDS OF ST THOMAS' CHURCH

Will be held on **Wednesday 5 December** at 8pm in St Thomas' Small Hall. All welcome.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** - Sadly one of our parishioners suffered a terrible accident recently, which has left him paralysed. His family and friends are raising funds to help and have organised a Christmas Raffle at the Royal Pub in St Martin on **Saturday 15 December** from 2.30pm until 5.30 pm. Please come along and join them for a great afternoon with fabulous prizes. Raffle tickets are also available to purchase from the East office: 853953 or email: [east@catholicchurch.org.je](mailto:east@catholicchurch.org.je). Thank you.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The Knights of St Columba - Grand Ball **Saturday 2 March 2019**. More details to follow.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£822.21	£462.75
St Helier	£1452.00	£1,096.37
West	£975.17	£521.42



## YOUTH

Georganne McDonald 07797787090  
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**JaCy Night** - Fridays 7pm - 10pm - Year 7+ are welcome to join us for fun, friendship and faith - *food available*.  
**'Together on Tuesdays'** - at **6.30pm - 8.30pm in St Thomas' Youth Room** - This coming week explore your faith with 'Life in Christ' - for Year 7+ in the Youth Upper Room. Hot dogs and pizza available, £2 for snacks.

**SAFEGUARDING – DBS RECHECKS** - For all volunteers in ministry involving children or vulnerable adults. If you have not completed a DBS application in the past three years please come to one of the open sessions listed below to complete the forms. You need to bring your passport, Jersey driving licence and current utility bill/bank statement and a social security card (or document showing number). The next open sessions will take place on:  
**Sunday 2 December** - after 9.15am Mass at St Thomas' - *in Hall*.

**Sunday 27 January** after 11.30am Mass at St Mary & St Peter's. (*Please note the change of date*).

### CATHOLIC PASTORAL SERVICES

The locks have now been changed. The number of key holders has been limited, please contact Mary Cahill if you have any queries: 732583.

### MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Contact: Mary Cahill, Pastoral Ministries Coordinator  
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Contact Mary for marriage and family support, natural fertility appointments or any queries regarding Catholic parenting support. Support available for introducing your children and teens to all aspects of sex and relationships.

**Praise & Play Group** - meet on Mondays at 9.30am-11.30am at St Bernadette's. We are a friendly group for babies and toddlers with their parents or carers.

**Friday Faith & Fun** - for babies, toddlers and primary age children in St Thomas' Hall at 3.30pm - 5.30pm - crafts, games, faith sharing and food.

**Family Friendly Adoration** - hosted by the Catholic Grandparents Association in St Thomas' Church at 4pm - 5pm on Fridays. *Parents: Please consider taking just 10-15 minutes with Jesus to start the weekend with your children.*

**Mothers Prayers** - Tuesdays at St Bernadette's 8pm/Thursdays 2.30pm at Catholic Pastoral Services. New members welcome to come along.

### 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

### 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** 11am - 12noon & 5pm - 5.45pm

# Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
<b>Saturday 24 Nov</b>	<b>First Mass for Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Agnes Duggan RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Recovery of William Ross & Family
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	June Harrison RIP
<b>Sunday 25 Nov</b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe <i>Dan 7:13-14; Psalm 92; Rev 1:5-8; John 18:33-37</i></b>		
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	William & Nora Hendrick RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	For the family of Teresa Tonioleo Gavino
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Sarah and Christopher Sparks RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Peter Evans RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Liam Lynn RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Gerry Lynch RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Joao Vieira RIP, Jose Vieira RIP & Francisco Goncalves RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Leoncion Aparicion Menilo RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
<b>Monday 26 Nov</b>	<b>Feria</b>		
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Ellen Mallott RIP
<b>Tuesday 27 Nov</b>	<b>Feria</b>		
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Jo Bankhead for recovery
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Jackie Patterson RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Maria de Fatima Alves Roldao RIP
<b>Wednesday 28 Nov</b>	<b>Feria</b>		
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Catherine Turner RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Holy Souls, those who have died and have been prayed for in the Month of November
		6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
<b>Thursday 29 Nov</b>	<b>Feria</b>		
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Holy Souls
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Friday 30 Nov</b>	<b>Feria</b>		
	12:00 pm	Sacred Heart	<b>NO MASS</b>
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Peter & Gillian Dawson RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
<b>Saturday 1 Dec</b>	<b>Feria</b>		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	<b>12.15 pm</b>	St Thomas	Michael & Winifred Conboy RIP
<b>Saturday 1 Dec</b>	<b>First Mass for the First Sunday of Advent Year C</b>		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Fr Norman Fitzgerald RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Snowdon & Gladys Pallot RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	George Renouard RIP
<b>Sunday 2 Dec</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent Year C <i>Jer 33:14-16; Psalm 24; 1 Thess 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28.34-36</i></b>		
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Wilford Sidney Richardson RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Rosa Camaho Santos RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Margaret Franklin RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Tracey Coombes & Christopher Le Main RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Cristina Perestrelo RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Cece Graham RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Our Lady of Fatima & in Thanksgiving
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	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](http://www.catholicchurch.org.je).

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