



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

15/16 December ~ Third Sunday of Advent ~ Year C



"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!"

I don't know about you, but I have always found this time of year difficult. I find the dark winter mornings and evenings hard to cope with and I really don't like the cold. My mind plays all sorts of games with me, I often dream of warm summer weather or, in my imagination, I drift back to those warm sunny Christmas' I used to enjoy so much when I lived in India, when I could open my presents out on the lawn, with the geraniums in full bloom after the monsoon rain. To get me through these winter months, I plan ahead and make sure I have a regular treat to look forward to, something that will give me a lift over the entire winter season.

Today is *Gaudete* Sunday, the Latin word for Rejoice, taken from the opening word of the introit for Mass. *Gaudete*, or Rejoice Sunday, is our treat or lifting up on our Advent journey. We are over half way on our Advent journey to the great solemnity of Christmas, when we

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. You have probably noticed that the Advent candle for today is rose in colour, standing in contrast to the heavy violet candles. It's a sign that the mood is changing, it reminds us that we have something to look forward to in the darkness, and it's our glimpse of what is to come.

Gaudete Sunday reminds me, at a spiritual level, that I do have something to rejoice about and that I am a person of hope through my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. I may at times live emotionally and physically in the dark and in the cold, but at a spiritual level I am a person of Christian hope, because it is my faith in the incarnate Son of God that gives me hope and keeps me going in times of trial.

So let us rejoice because the Lord is near, Jesus who was, who is and who is to come is a reality for us as we look forward to the birthday of Christ, God incarnate, fully human and fully divine, the saviour of the world!

Fr Ross Bullock

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ADVENT

FAMILY NATIVITY & BAMBINELLI BLESSING

Takes place this **Saturday 15 December** at 2pm in St Matthieu's Church. Children are invited to come dressed as shepherds, sheep or angels. You are invited to bring your Jesus figure from your nativity scene at home to be blessed.



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

This **Tuesday 18 December** at St Mary & St Peter's Church at 7pm. Priests from across the island will be available for confession. Why go? Why not! Where else can you receive the Lord's pardon and peace so easily available?

CATHOLIC GIFT SHOP – WELCOME CENTRE

Open on Thursdays from 10am – 2pm during Advent for all your Christmas Gifts. Available to purchase are: Cribs, Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Handmade Olive Wood gifts, made in Bethlehem, FHL Donation Gift Vouchers and much more.

ST PATRICK'S GIFT SHOP

Christmas stock now available; come and take a look after weekend Masses.

World Gifts CAFOD WORLD GIFTS ...

You can order gifts online at cafod.org.uk/world gifts and catalogues are available in your church.

CHRISTMAS POSTERS

At the back of each Church there are some Christmas posters encouraging people to '*Keep Christ in Christmas*'. Please take some and display prominently.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) GIVING TREE VOUCHERS

Thank you for supporting this project to help those in need with shopping vouchers. Vouchers can still be dropped off after Christmas as they are used all year round.

LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

THIS WEEK AT THE OASIS OF PEACE

Preparation for the Sunday Readings – **Monday 17 December** - 7pm.

Adoration – **Tuesday 18 December** - 2pm – 4pm - Come for the whole two hours, two minutes or any time in between.

Evening Prayer – **Wednesday 19 December** - 6:30pm.

Adoration & Rosary – **Thursday 20 December** - 9am

Morning Prayer - **Friday 21 December** - 6:30am

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£776.89	£462.75
St Helier	£1464.00	£1,096.37
West	£892.66	£521.42

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

As our common act of charity for the 'World Day of the Poor' this year please continue to donate food to the SVP and help families and individuals who are in financial difficulty. Your donations are really appreciated especially at this time of year. Collection points are at the back of each church for all 'in date, non-perishable food items'. Thank you.



FROM THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA, SUPPORTED BY THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

Once again we thank you all for your tremendous generosity with your Christmas gifts for the seafarers who will be visiting our shores over this Holy period, bringing all the necessities to sustain our island life. So far we have packed over 200 gifts and we will soon start to visit the ships and their crews to distribute your gifts and cards, together with our friends from the Mission to Seafarers. A special thank you to Gladys, Kathleen and Sue, who spend the year knitting woolly hats for the Seafarers. *A Merry Christmas and blessings for the New Year to you all.*

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Ross Family, from Our Lady, St Martin, would like to say a big thank you to all those who have supported them in prayers, kindness and buying raffle tickets in aid of their son after his terrible accident. All proceeds will be used for the family during this difficult time, while they are in England and when they come home to face an uncertain future. Thank you to all at St Patrick's whose fundraising contributed to the raffle.

JOB VACANCY

A vacancy has become available for three hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday evenings, in the Caritas Welcome Centre Café from 6pm to 9pm. For more information please contact Claudia Reis email: 82@hotmail.com tel: 07700362456.

NECKLACE FOUND IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

A necklace has been found near the entrance of St Patrick's Church; please contact the East office tel: 853953 to prove ownership and have it returned. All lost and found property at the East goes to the office.

CHRISTMAS CLOSING TIMES

EAST OFFICE – Closes on Friday 21 December and re-opens on Wednesday 2 January.

WEST OFFICE – Closes on Friday 21 December and re-opens on Monday 7 January.

WELCOME CENTRE CAFÉ - closes at 4pm on Saturday 22 December and re-opens on Wednesday 2 January.

THE GIFT SHOP – closes at 2pm on Thursday 20 December – *Last opportunity to buy your Christmas cards and gifts.*

CATHOLIC PASTORAL SERVICES – closes at 12.15pm on Friday 21 December and re-opens on Wednesday 2 January.

(A double newsletter will be distributed on 22/23 December to cover weekends of 22/23 December and 29/30 December.)



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.

JaCy – Closes on Friday 21 December with Mass at 7pm re-opens on Friday 4 January.

Praise & Play Group - Closes for Christmas after the Christmas Party on Monday 17 December - *Date to re-open to be confirmed.*

Friday Faith & Fun – Closes for Christmas next week. *Date to re-open to be confirmed.*

'Together on Tuesdays' – Meet on Tuesday 18 December at 6.30pm - 8.30pm in St Thomas' Youth Room for 'Love and Life' group. Hot dogs and pizza will be available. £2 for snacks. Year 7 upwards welcome. *Date to re-open to be confirmed.*

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

ROSARY

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 11.00am - 12noon & 5pm - 5.45pm



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Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 15 Dec	First Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Agnes Duggan RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Georgie Campbell JNR RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Thanksgiving to Mother Mary
Sunday 16 Dec	Third Sunday of Advent		<i>Zephaniah 3:14-18; Philipians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18</i>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Denis William Ayliffe 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	Lena and John Kelly RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Graham Rogers RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Manuel Filipe RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Manuel Filipe RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Clementina Rodrigues RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	All Souls
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 17 Dec	Liturgy of the Day 'O Wisdom'		
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Renault Family and loved ones living and deceased
Tuesday 18 Dec	Liturgy of the Day 'O Adonai'		
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Gorman Family RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Dorothy Roche RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Catherine Turner RIP
Wednesday 19 Dec	Liturgy of the Day 'O Roog of Jesse'		
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Corson Family RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart 6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	Cristina Perestrelo RIP
Thursday 20 Dec	Liturgy of the Day 'O Key of David'		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Fr Brian Cousins RIP
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Wally Nesbitt RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Simao James RIP
Friday 21 Dec	Liturgy of the Day 'O Morning Star'		
	12:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Holy Souls
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Caroline Jones RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 22 Dec	Liturgy of the Day 'O King of the Nations'		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	12.15 pm	St Thomas	Mary Harrison RIP
Saturday 22 Dec	First Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Gwen Pritchard RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	John & Christopher Lakeman RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Eugene McMahon RIP
Sunday 23 Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent		<i>2 Sam 7:1-5.8-12.14.16; Psalm 88; Rom 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38</i>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Joe Keany RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Olga and Len Hamel RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Joao Jose Ferreira RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Peter Evans RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Manuel Sousa Agrela RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Holy Souls
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Joao Jose Vieira RIP
	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.

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