



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

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A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

How much does Christmas cost? Never mind the economic cost. The spiritual cost is what I mean. This has already been calculated in, of all places, the famous song 'The Twelve Days of Christmas.' Written in 16th century England, at a time when it was illegal there to be a Catholic, it taught the spiritual value of Christmas using a code. The song's Jesuit authors hoped that those singing it would decipher the code and in doing so appreciate why despite persecution it was still good to count yourself a Catholic. The song quickly became popular and ironically not just among Catholics.

The twelve days are those from Christmas Day to 6 January when the Magi arrive. 'My true love gave to me' is code for God speaking to whoever is singing. The 'partridge in a pear tree' stands for Christ, reigning from the Cross, which is understood to be a fruit tree waiting to delight. The 'two turtle doves' are code for the Old and New Testaments whilst the 'three French hens' represent the gifts brought by the Magi. The 'four calling birds' are the gospels that proclaim the Good News about Jesus Christ, the 'five golden rings' are the first five books of the Bible (can you list them in order?) and

the 'six geese a laying' either represent the six precepts of the Church or the six days of creation; no one now is certain. The 'seven swans a-swimming' are code for the seven sacraments, the 'eight maids a-milking' the eight beatitudes and the 'nine ladies dancing' are the presumed nine choirs of angels; those we mention on Sundays in the Preface (Angels, Archangels, Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Dominations, Thrones, Cherubim and Seraphim). As for the 'ten lords a-leaping' they're code for the Ten Commandments while the 'eleven pipers' represent the eleven apostles - Judas having left - who pipe the faith to us in an unbroken tradition. And what of the 'twelve drummers drumming'? They're the twelve beliefs outlined in the Apostles Creed.

In 21st century Jersey, where we practice our faith without persecution, I think it remains so important to appreciate what we believe and why. Others may dismiss it as nonsense, but we know what joy and encouragement our Catholic faith gives us. From the song 'The Twelve Days of Christmas', let us find fresh enthusiasm to stay strong in the practice of our faith. Thus will we be ready to communicate the joy of the Gospel when everyone's trees and tinsel are packed away.

Canon Dominic

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THANK YOU FROM YOUR CLERGY

On behalf of the priests and deacons of the parish may I wish you a very happy Christmas. Your consistent kindness and support of us all is a gift we really do treasure. While clergy come and go – as this year has shown – you the people of the parish remain. It's what helps to make this the vibrant and welcoming community of faith which I believe we are. In celebrating with you this year the Incarnation of Christ, be assured of our prayers and best wishes.

Canon Dominic

THANKS TO.....

The sacristans, servers, lay ministers, choirs, musicians, flower arrangers, stewards, cleaners and everyone who has contributed in any way to our Liturgies over Christmastide.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

The collections taken at our Christmas Masses are by custom in this Diocese given to the priests of the parish and form a major part of their annual income.

ALTAR SERVERS

Regardless of which of our seven churches they usually serve in, all our parish altar servers are encouraged to come to St Thomas', for the 12:15pm Mass, on Boxing Day to celebrate their patron St Stephen. Those who have completed serving one year will be inducted into the Archconfraternity of St Stephen. Any adult or child who has made their First Communion is welcome to join our dedicated teams of altar servers. Please speak to one of the priests if you're interested.

CRIB OFFERINGS

This year all donations given at the crib will be donated to 'The Knights of the Holy Sepulchre'. The English section, to which Canon Dominic belongs, has provided more than £500,000 for the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem in the last two years. Most of these funds have been to support the activities of the Patriarchate, including the 45 schools that it provides. Other funds are used to support projects such as new churches and upgrading of schools. Please give generously and do also keep our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land in your prayers at this time. For more info: www.khs.org.uk.

Many thanks to those who have assembled the cribs in each of our seven churches. To set them up does take time and effort, but the results are not only a beautiful sight, they also invite all those who look at them to enter again into the awe and wonder in the sign of the baby in the manger. God has shared our humanity so that we might have a share in his divinity. Do make time to visit the cribs.

USED STAMPS – Please remember to keep used stamps from your Christmas cards and donate them to help to raise funds for Cafod by leaving them at St Patrick's Church or churches in the West. Thank you.

COMMUNITY CHRIST OF BETHANY

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

- ✚ Saturday 5 January at St Mary and St Peter's from 6.15pm to 8pm
- ✚ Wednesday 9 January in St Thomas' from 7pm to 8pm
- ✚ Wednesday 23 January in St Thomas' from 7pm to 8pm
- ✚ Dia 5 de Janeiro em St Mary e St Peter's das 6.15pm as 8pm
- ✚ Dia 9 de Janeiro em St Thomas' das 7pm as 8pm
- ✚ Dia 23 de Janeiro em St Thomas' das 7pm as 8pm

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Next meet on Monday 7 January at 7pm at Our Lady, St Martin. All ladies welcome.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£820.56	£462.75
St Helier	£1277.80	£1,096.37
West	£1,007.26	£521.42

THANK YOU FROM

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

To everyone who has made a donation of money or vouchers this year. We currently help in excess of 50 clients a week, providing them with food and electricity vouchers. In order to do this we have to purchase £1700 worth of food and £500 of electricity vouchers every month. Therefore every donation, no matter how small is gratefully received.

Please continue to fill the red buckets at the back of each church with *'in date, non-perishable food'*.

Leaflets, including standing order forms, are at the back of each church. We would also like to thank the Youth SVP for taking the time to arrange the 'Giving Trees' this year and to all our SVP members who are all such a great help. *The St Vincent de Paul Society would not be able to run without you.*

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Contact: Mary Cahill, Pastoral Ministries Coordinator
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Praise & Play Group - at St Bernadette's - re-opens on Monday 14 January at 9.30am.

Friday Faith & Fun – at St Thomas' re-opens on Friday 11 January at 3.30pm.

Youth Ministry - JaCy & Together on Tuesdays recommences from 4 January – The Christmas party takes place on Sunday 6 January at 2pm in St Thomas' Hall *Please text 07797742767 to book a place before Friday 4 January.*

Catholic Grandparents Association - recommences on Friday 1 February.

Mass Times in the Parish during the next two weeks

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
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 José Vieira RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 24 Dec	The Nativity of the Lord		
	6:00 pm	St Matthieu	Carols at 6pm followed by Vigil Mass at 6:30pm
	6:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Vigil Mass at 6pm
	6:30 pm	Our Lady, St Martin	Carols at 6:30pm followed by Mass at 7pm
	11:30 pm	St Patrick	Carols at 11:30pm followed by Midnight Mass
	11:30 pm	St Thomas	Carols at 11:30pm followed by Midnight Mass
	11:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Carols at 11:30pm followed by Midnight Mass
	11:30 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Carols at 11:30pm followed by Midnight Mass in Polish
Tuesday 25 Dec	The Nativity of the Lord		
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	The People of the Parish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	10:30 am	St Bernadette	The People of the Parish
	11:00 am	St Patrick	The People of the Parish
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	The People of the Parish
	11:30 am	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
	5:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
Wednesday 26 Dec	St Stephen		
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Lily Flanagan RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	
Thursday 27 Dec	St John		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	<i>No Mass</i>
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Maria Nunes Camara RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Holy Souls
Friday 28 Dec	The Holy Innocents		
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	Macken Family RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Catherine Turner RIP
	7:00 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 29 Dec	St Thomas of Canterbury		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	<i>No Mass</i>
	12.15 pm	St Thomas	Lily Flanagan RIP
Saturday 29 Dec	First Mass for the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Neville Sydney White RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Joan Smith RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Bernard & Maureen White – Wedding Anniversary
Sunday 30 Dec	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph <i>Ecc 3:2-6.12-14; Psalm 127; Col 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15.19-23</i>		
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Lynette Brennan RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	John Monk RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Nicholas Greene RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	John Etienne RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Cristina Perestrelo RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	The People of the Parish
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Germania Vieira RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Ivan Rodrigues RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish

Monday 31 Dec	Liturgy of the Day	
	9:30 am Our Lady, St Martin	<i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday 1 Jan	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	
	9:30 am St Patrick	<i>No Mass</i>
	12:15 pm St Thomas	Jordao Cassiano RIP & Mark Nobrega RIP
	6:30 pm Sacred Heart	
Wednesday 2 Jan	Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen	
	12:15 pm St Thomas	Josè Da Marta RIP
	6:30 pm Sacred Heart	
Thursday 3 Jan	Liturgy of the Day	
	9:30 am St Patrick	<i>No Mass</i>
	10:00 am St Matthieu	John Henry Kerr RIP
	12:15 pm St Thomas	Ultan Divine RIP
Friday 4 Jan	Liturgy of the Day	
	12:00 pm St Bernadette	For People who have no one to pray for them
	12:15 pm St Thomas	Holy Souls
	7:00 pm St Thomas	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 5 Jan	Liturgy of the Day	
	9:30 am St Patrick	<i>No Mass</i>
	12.15 pm St Thomas	Sean Flanagan RIP
Saturday 5 Jan	First Mass for The Epiphany of the Lord	
	6:00 pm Sacred Heart	Teresa Durbano RIP
	6:00 pm St Patrick	Mary Folan RIP
	6:00 pm St Thomas	People of the Parish
Sunday 6 Jan	The Epiphany of the Lord	<i>Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12</i>
	9:00 am Our Lady, St Martin	Ric Jordi RIP
	9:00 am St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am St Thomas	Margaret Golding RIP
	9:30 am St Matthieu	Sister Julie McLoughlin M.M.M RIP
	11:00 am St Patrick	Renault Family and loved ones living and deceased
	11:15 am St Bernadette	Cristina Perestrelo RIP
	11:30 am St Mary & St Peter	Intentions of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre
	3:30 pm St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Lady Fatima Thanksgiving
	6:00 pm St Thomas	Maria Cooper RIP
	7:30 pm St Thomas	Mass in Polish

Eucharistic
Adoration



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

CONFESSIONS, Saturdays

Sacred Heart, 5.15pm - 5.45pm
St Patrick, after 9.30am Mass & before 6pm Mass
St Thomas, 11am - 12noon & 5pm - 5.45pm



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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