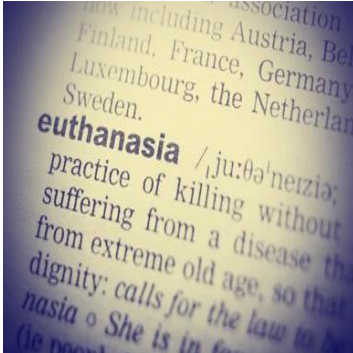




The Jersey Catholic

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 28th April 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)



Canon Dominic writes ...

Are you content to let the States of Jersey allow assisted dying and euthanasia? They are going to be debating detailed proposals about this on 21st May. One proposal is to allow assisted dying in a case of 'unbearable suffering.' How can anyone define that? Another states that someone with Alzheimer's disease should be allowed to end their life if they retain their decision-making capacity. But how do you stop the 'if' in that from being quietly dropped? In 2016 Canada made assisted dying and euthanasia legal and put

in what their legislators said would be 'strong safeguards.' That year they had 1,018 medically assisted deaths; in 2022 by when their safeguards had all been dropped, they had 13,241 such deaths. Talk about a slippery slope!

Last Monday I attended a briefing on the States proposals. It was given to the leaders of the faith communities by two senior policy advisors to the government. They tried to assure us that the proposals are at this time only that and nothing more. Really? It was clear most of us in the room found this very hard to believe. The comment was made 'It does seem the States have already made up their mind.' We were told most islanders are in favour, but since the States chose not to allow us a referendum, how can we know? The so-called Citizen's Jury of 2021 turned out to be no such thing. I left that briefing very concerned.

If you have not done so already, please look at the 'Assisted Dying' page on our parish website. There is a lot to read but if you share my concern at the path our elected representatives seem set on us all taking, please let them know before 21st May. And if you want to scare yourself, try reading the assisted dying proposals on the gov.je website. As Dr John Stewart-Jones, a retired Jersey GP, observed in a recent article in the JEP, what's proposed is more than a slippery slope; it's a jump off the precipice.



Scan this QR code for *PAROLE DU JOUR, READINGS OF THE DAY, LECTURA DEL DIÁ, PAROLA DEL GIORNO, LEITURA DO DIA & TAGESLESUNG*,
Sunday's readings are also in the Parish Mass books: pg. 264.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

On Sundays at St Bernadette Church during the 0930 and 1130 Masses.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

On Wednesdays at Sacred Heart Church after the 0930 Mass.

St Patrick's Church: Open

Albeit for now only on Sundays for the 5.30pm Mass. If wishing to park at FB Fields, please access it from where we usually drive out from.

Recently Deceased

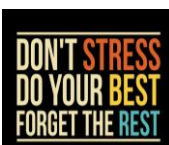
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sue Carr whose funeral service will be at Our Lady's Church on 2nd May at 11am.

Oasis Of Peace

Taizé Prayer 7pm Friday 17th May.
Sharing Saturday 10.30-2.30pm 18th May. Please contact us on: oasis@catholicchurch.org.je

Our Lady of Fatima Festa

Our Portuguese community invite everyone to join them on Saturday 18th May at 8pm for Mass to honour Our Lady of Fatima, followed by an outdoor procession of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima around the church.



GOOD LUCK to all our young people who are taking exams. Deep breath, keep calm and pray to the Holy Spirit!

Getting Married?

We have recently had several requests from couples who wish to marry here or overseas in July & August this year. It is diocesan policy that a minimum of 12 months' notice be given - as stated on the relevant page of our parish website. Please spread the word to those who might need to know.

EMERGENCY

Sudan Crisis Appeal 2024



CAFOD Sudan Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Sudan Appeal at cafod.org.uk/Sudan. Please support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Sudan. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water, and emergency shelter to those in need.

First Communion & Confirmation

St Patrick's Gift Shop is open before Sunday's 5.30pm Mass. It has a good selection of cards and gifts for First Communion and Confirmation.

First Communion Parents

Please don't forget your final meetings are coming up. At St Bernadette's yours is this Tuesday at 6.30pm and at St Thomas, yours is 15th May 6.30pm.

SVP Jersey

Please keep your donations of tinned foods and toiletries coming in to us. They help provide a much-appreciated source of support to local people struggling to make ends meet.

Pope's Prayer Intention for April *For the role of women*

"We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in indifferent parts of the world."



Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Portsmouth Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place this year from Monday 22 July until Friday 26 July departing from Gatwick Airport to Toulouse and then by coach transfer to Lourdes and staying at Hotel La Solitude. Contact: lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Jersey Lourdes 2024

Fifty years of joining with the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. We have had a good response to the pilgrimage this year, but we still have a few places left and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you would like to join us, call Deanna on 638973.

Week of Accompanied Prayer

A 1-to-1 retreat made in daily life, tailored to suit the needs of each individual. From 7th to 12th July for more information or to reserve your place (closing date 1st June) please call 867069 (evenings only) or email victoria@wildspin.com evelynemaloret@hotmail.co.uk

Padre Pio Prayer Chain

This is a group of parishioners who contact each other by phone or email to pass urgent prayer requests for those in desperate need. To join call: 636772 or email Lorraine.pppc@gmail.com.

Cineworld

Ordinary Angels (12A) will be at Cineworld St Helier from this Fri. 26th April to Wed. 1st May daily at 7.15pm, 7pm on Sat. & Sun. Based on a true story what unfolds is the inspiring tale of faith, everyday miracles, and ordinary angels.

Collections

- Thank you for last Sunday's second collection for the Diocesan Clergy Training Fund which raised £2156.
- Why not set up a standing order to ensure your donations always get to us? To do this, you will need our account details: Account Name: CDP Jersey; Sort Code: 30-93-04; Account No: 00880559.

St Thomas Spire Repairs



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The Spire Repairs were undertaken in 2020 at a cost of £1.3m.

Our Parish Mass Timetable

Week beginning Saturday 27th April 2024.

Sat	Vigil		
	1800	ST	Luzviminda Vecino Patron RIP
Sun	Fifth Sunday of Easter		
	0800	ST	Intentions of Maureen & Jim Baxter (Golden Wedding Anniversary)
	0900	SMP	Mass in Polish
	0930	SB	Denis Webb RIP
	1000	ST	Harry Davison RIP
	1130	SB	People of the Parish
	1200	ST	Maria Nobrega & Manual Vieira RIP
	1730	SP	Catherine Turner RIP
	1800	ST	Mass in Polish
Mon:	St. Catherine of Siena, Co-Patron of Europe <i>No Mass; priests' day off</i>		
Tue:	5th Week of Easter		
	0930	OL	Pamela Todd RIP
	1830	ST	Personal Intention
Wed:	5th Week of Easter		
	0930	SH	Children who are Abused & Murdered
	1830	ST	George Burnouf RIP
Thu:	5th Week of Easter		
	1830	ST	Robert & Marta Siy RIP
Fri:	Ss Philip & James, Apostles, feast		
	0930	SM	Private Intention
	1830	ST	John Devlin RIP
Sat	English Martyrs (1535-1680), Feast		
	1215	ST	Martin & Madge Finn RIP

Our weekday Mass schedule varies from week to week so only those Masses taking place this week are listed.

Confessions

St Thomas on Saturdays,
11am-Noon & 5-5.45pm
and also by appointment
with a priest.

Our Churches

ST: St Thomas, Val Plaisant, St Helier; SMP: St Mary & St Peter, Wellington Rd, St Helier; OL: Our Lady, Grande Route de St Martin; SP: St Patrick, Grande Route de St Clement; SH: Sacred Heart, La Neuve Route, St Aubin; SM: St Matthieu, Rue Bechervaise, Coin Varin; SB: St Bernadette, La Route de Quennevais.

Saint of the Week

St Catherine of Siena

In Medieval Catholicism, she is a major figure, influencing the papacy and Italian literature. Thanks to her many letters of complaint the pope was persuaded to move from Avignon in France back to Rome. As a Dominican she was strict in fasting, which may have helped cause her death, aged 33 on April 29, 1380. She is one of Europe's six patron saints

Parish Contacts

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