

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 3rd January

ND 5.30pm **First Mass of Sunday:**
In Thanksgiving

SS 6.00pm Deceased members of the
Moriarty family

Sunday 4th January

SJ 8.00am Special Intention
SS 9.30am Helene Guilмото GE
SJ 10.30am Jim, Mary & Patrick Swallow
SJ 4.30pm MSZA SW (*Mass in Polish*)
SJ 6.30pm Clara Le Prevost RIP

Monday 5th January

SJ 7.30am Stephen Fuller RIP
SP 12noon Stephanie Ballay (*Mass in Sark*)
SS 7.00pm Angele Shore Intentions

Tuesday 6th January

LP 7.30am Peter Helmot RIP & Family
SJ 9.30am Patricia Trueman RIP

Wednesday 7th January

SJ 7.30am Joan Allis & Cindy GE
ND 12.05pm Brian White RIP

Thursday 8th January

LP 7.30am M Whelan
SJ 9.30am Manuel de Nobrega RIP

Friday 9th January

SJ 7.30am Forgotten Priests
ND 5.30pm John Cunliffe RIP

Saturday 10th January

SJ 10.00am Mary Foran RIP
ND 5.30pm **First Mass of Sunday:**
Sam Clapp RIP
SS 6.00pm Deceased members of Wyatt &
Devenport families

Sunday 11th January

SJ 8.00am Pamela Cox RIP
SS 9.30am Fathers P Illey & C Hazlewood
RIP
SJ 10.30am Dunlop, Englis & Robert
Family RIP
SJ 4.30pm MSZA SW (*Mass in Polish*)
SJ 6.30pm Sam Clapp RIP

SJ - St. Joseph's Church

SS - Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

ND - Notre Dame Church

LP - Le Platon Convent

SP - St Peter's Church, Sark

Today's Psalm Response

All nations shall fall prostrate
before you, O Lord.

Prayer of the Church - Week 2

**Morning Prayer: 9.15am on Tuesday
and Thursday and at 9.45am on
Saturday in St Joseph's.**

Confessions on Saturday

St Joseph's 10.30am - 11.00am
Star of the Sea: 5.30pm - 6.00pm
Notre Dame: 5.00pm - 5.20pm

Finance

Thank you for your generosity towards the
work of the Church in Guernsey:

**Offertory Collections including standing
orders & deeds of covenant:**

Weekend of 21st December: **£3,007**
Weekend of 28th December: **£2,452**
Covenant with the Poor: **£142.**

Guernsey Pastoral Council: The
next meeting will take place on **13th
January 2009**. Items you may wish
included on the Agenda may be
submitted to The Secretary, GPC,
Amphill House by 12th January.

Used Stamps: Please save your stamps
and leave in the Church porch or the
parish office. These are used for charity
or sold to a dealer for church funds.

Processing and sale of used postage
stamps handed in to the Parish Office
raised a total of **£139.35 during 2008**.
Please keep them coming in.

All notices for the Newsletter should
be given to the **Parish Office at
Amphill House**, marked 'The Link',
by Thursday noon at the latest. Please
ensure full details of date, time &
venue are included.

Parish of Our Lady and the Saints of Guernsey

"IN FIDE et LENITATE"

THE LINK

The Epiphany of The Lord 4 January 2009

St Joseph & St Mary Church
La Couperderie, St Peter Port

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church
Rue des Monts, St Sampson

Notre Dame du Rosaire Church
Burnt Lane, St Peter Port

Parish Priest and Dean: Fr Michael Hore

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Fr Stanislaw Gibzinski

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Pastoral Council

Chairman: Peter Keeling **265200**

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Chairman: Luke O'Donnell **726061**

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St Mary & St Michael Primary School

Mrs Helen Shepherd **245020**

Blanchelande Girls' College

Mrs Lesley Le Page **237200**

Sisters of Mercy, Cordier Hill, SPP

720729

Hospitaller Sisters of the Sacred Heart

Le Platon Home, Clifton, SPP **723640**

St Joseph's Hall & Parish Room

Bookings: Please tel. **724021** or **265200**

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Centre

Bookings: Please tel. **246770** or **247151**

Apostleship of the Sea

Contact: Captain T.F. Harvey **247492**

Catenians: Information, Membership

253858

**The Parish Office is open weekdays
9.30am-1.30pm.**

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The sight of the star filled them with delight Matthew 2:10

Why were the wise men delighted at
seeing the sight of the star?

Why did they fall to their knees before
the Child in the manger? Because they
discovered that the life makes sense.

They discovered in their world the
deepest hope of life. The life became for
them so enthusiastic and full of peace.

Actually, this point of view is associated
with Bethlehem, with the stable, with
the Child in the manger.

The desire for truth and beauty led the
wise men to one of the poorest places in
Judea.

It is the reason why they preferred to
visit the Child in the stable rather than
stay in Herod's palace.

The star and the poor stable gave them
great rejoicing in their hearts. How
happy are they? How happy is everyone
who discovers our Lord on the path of
life?

Truly, every moment of our lives brings
us the Presence of God. Time is the
Presence written with a capital 'P'.

It is the presence of Christ in our lives.
Every moment of your life is a moment
of meeting with the Presence, that is
loving you.

*But the way to discover that true
Presence sometimes takes much time
and effort.*

But hopefully in the end, the sight of the
star in your own sky will have filled you
with delight.

So in the beginning of the year 2009:
*May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord let his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.*

*May the Lord uncover his face to you
and bring you peace. Numbers 6:24-26*

Fr Stan

A warm welcome to all visitors who join us for today's Celebration. Please join us for tea/coffee available after **9.30am Mass in Our Lady Star of the Sea and 8.00am & 10.30am Mass in St. Joseph's.**

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Meetings are in St. Joseph's Parish Room (SJ), Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Centre (SS), Ampthill House (AH), unless noted otherwise; Services in the Church.

MONDAY

7.00pm Mass and Rosary (SS)

TUESDAY

10.00am Adoration of the Blessed

- 12.00 noon Sacrament (SJ)

7.30pm Rosary (Centre for Peace)

WEDNESDAY

2.00pm Legion of Mary (AH)

7.30pm Baptism Preparation 1 (SJ)

THURSDAY

10.00am Adoration of the Blessed

- 12.00 noon Sacrament (SJ)

7.30-8.30pm Notre Dame Choir (ND)

FRIDAY

1.15pm Mother's Prayers (tel:235161)

2.30pm Mother's Prayer Meeting
(Centre for Peace)

SATURDAY

7.00-9.00pm Delancey Drop In Club(SS)

Please remember in your prayers:

- **Stephanie Ballay, Hilda White, Keith Ruddy, Fred Le Gallez, Simon Gilbey** and all who are sick in our community;
- **Derek Raleigh, Martin Hart & Michael Totty** who died recently;
- **Clara Le Prevost** and all whose anniversaries occur about now. *May they rest in peace.*

Altar Server's Medals:

Congratulations to the following Altar Servers who were presented with their **Bronze** St Stephen Medals on the Feast of St Stephen:

Minnu Ajith

Monica Dekker

Alex Dekker

Alex Fallaize

Brendan Ferbrache

Christopher Perry

Kenton Henley-Roussel

Michael O'Malley

Stephen O'Malley

Matthew Merrien

Andrew Tautscher

Peter Tautscher

Thomas Hillion

Louise Trimbee

Rebecca Trimbee

Leonie Mayer

Jade Mahe

Megan Brouard

The following received their **Crosses** at Notre Dame du Rosaire:

Thomas Brierley

Ben Holland

Harry Rose

Trevor Pinchemain

Fergal Morrissey

Conor Morrissey

The following were awarded their **Silver** Medals for 10 years service:

Philip Setters

Pierre Charles Lihou

Emily Harvey

Jennifer Lindfield

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Baptism Preparation takes place on **Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Parish Rooms** (see leaflet in porch for details). **The next course will be held on 7th & 14th January. Baptism dates are booked on the course.**

If you wish to present your child for Baptism then please contact the Parish Office to book a place on the course during office hours (see front)

First Communions 2009: These will take place on **Saturday 13th June** at 10.00am in St Joseph's and Our Lady Star of the Sea and at 5.30pm in Notre Dame du Rosaire. Preparation for children attending non-catholic schools will recommence on **Monday 12th January** at 3.45pm in the Parish Room. *Details from Sr Carmel, 720729.*

There will be a meeting for parents of all the candidates on Thursday 15th January in St Joseph's Hall at 7.00pm.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2009:

Bishop Crispian will administer the Sacrament on **Thursday 21st May 2009.**

The Confirmation Programme for young people in Year 8 or above will commence on **12th February. Application forms (in blue) must be submitted to the Parish Office NOW.**

Fathers Michael, PJ and Stan would like to sincerely thank everyone for the Christmas Offerings received and for the many cards and presents that they have received. *God Bless You All.*

Parish Christmas Lunch: Sincere thanks to Eileen Baird for organising a lunch enjoyed by many Parishioners and to Fr P J who provided the entertainment. The money raised from the raffle has been divided between HCPT Pilgrimage Trust, Guernsey Bereavement Service and a charity to be nominated by Fr Michael.

Mary Herve would like to thank you all most sincerely for all your support and prayers during 2008, both before and after her healing. She says we must never underestimate the power of prayer. *'Praise the Lord for all He has done.'*

Taizé 2009

A chance to visit Taizé with the Diocese of Portsmouth and Wisdom House Spirituality Centre.

8th - 17th August 2009

A stay in Taizé is an opportunity to seek communion with God in prayer, singing, silence and reflection. *Details & registration forms from David Hill, Adviser for Youth Ministry, Park Place Pastoral Centre, Winchester Road, Wickham, PO17 5HA. dhill@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk; tel 01329 835583.*