

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 22nd July

First Mass of Sunday

ND 5.30pm For the People of the Parish
SS 6.00pm Marion Whiteway RIP

Sunday 23rd July

SJ 8.00am Christopher Baber RIP
SS 9.30am Henri Guilмото & Son RIP
SJ 10.30am Irene Horan RIP
SJ 6.30pm Walter Austin RIP

Monday 24th July

SJ 7.30am Manuel Da Luz RIP
SS 12 noon Holy Souls

Tuesday 25th July

LP 7.30am Rene & Albertine Le Cras RIP
SJ 9.30am Peter Wilson RIP

Wednesday 26th July

SJ 7.30am Sister Ann Marie
ND 12.05pm Prayers for the Canonisation
of Fr Jacques Hamel

Thursday 27th July

LP 7.30am Holy Souls
SJ 9.30am Ana Marguerita Sousa RIP

Friday 28th July

SJ 7.30am Joaquina Da Luz
LP 11.00am Private Intention

Saturday 29th July

SJ 10.00am Andrew Mason RIP

First Mass of Sunday

ND 5.30pm Maud Blin's Intentions
SS 6.00pm Len & Jan Gallienne

Sunday 30th July

SJ 8.00am Steve & Dinah
SS 9.30am For the People of the Parish
SJ 10.30am Restituta Tersigni RIP
SJ 6.30pm Peter, Daisy & Noel Martin RIP

SJ - St. Joseph's Church

ND - Notre Dame Church

SS - Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

LP - Le Platon Home

All notices to the Parish Office by noon on Thursday at the latest, please. Priority is given to Church and Parish notices.

This week's Psalm Response

**O Lord, you are good
and forgiving.**

Prayer of the Church: Week 4

Morning Prayer: 9.15am on Tuesday &
Thursday and 9.45am on Saturday (SJ)

Feast Days this week

Tuesday: St James
Wednesday: St Joachim & St Anne
Friday: St Sampson

Confessions on Saturday

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

Finance

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

Offertory : **£2,214**
Standing orders approx: **£750**
Total: **£2,964**
Apostleship of the Sea: £1,356
Covenant with the Poor: **£17**

GCFO Craft Workshops

In April this year, Guernsey Caring for Ex-Offenders started weekly craft workshops where people we are supporting can come together and create something to keep or give as a gift to a loved one. Each month we follow a theme and learn new techniques or skills. So far, we have enjoyed making mixed media decorations, decoupaged pots and figures, wet felted pictures, needle felted animals and pompoms. We received a grant to help us get started and our ongoing costs are roughly £8 per session. We aim to make more items which we will eventually sell so that we are self-funding in the future. In the meantime, we would greatly appreciate anyone who would be willing to sponsor a session to help top up our materials. **Please contact Mary Hervé or Michelle Stringer on 07781 124052 or gcfeo@suremail.gg, if you can help.**

Parish of Our Lady and the Saints of Guernsey

THE LINK

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - 23rd July 2017

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

Notre Dame du Rosaire Church, Burnt Lane, St Peter Port

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

Parish Priest and Dean

Canon Michael Hore

Assistant Priests

Fr Paul Dzwig; Fr Michał Turbaczewski

Deacon

Mark Leightley

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The Man of Faith - Elijah.

Sometimes, as a Christian in the modern world, one can feel a sense of being something of an outcast as one tries to practise one's faith and be true to a Christian sense of morality. Indeed, society in Western Europe - now so obviously and blatantly secular - likes to belittle and to be as patronising as possible to anyone who professes belief in Jesus our Lord. Such is the mood of the times, that the opinions of the faithful count for nothing in the decision-making process, and are quickly steamrollered over by those with an ever more liberal and anti-Christian agenda.

They say that there is nothing new under the sun. Reflection on the readings for the Divine Office at Matins this week would seem to establish the truth of this statement. A society, remarkably similar to our own, and pagan in its ways, had developed in Israel. Quickly forsaking the ways marked out for them by the commandments of the Lord and religious practice, the people had taken to following the 'gods' of the nations around them. So bad was the situation, that the prophet Elijah (9th century B.C.) informed the people that only he remained as a true prophet of the Lord God. Yet, in spite of the deplorable state of the Jewish nation, Elijah refused to abandon his vocation to speak in the name of the Lord, or to depart in any way from the religion of his fathers. His faith was in the living God and was not to be shaken by the opposition stacked against him on all sides. In this spirit of true dedication to God and firm in his faith, Elijah met Ahab, and challenged the prophets of Baal to spiritual combat on Mount Carmel. God made himself known at that place, in answer to his faith, and the false prophet perished at the Brook Kishon (*1 Kings 18: 16b-40.*)

Elijah was an example for the whole Jewish people and he remains one for us who seek to serve God in our times. Like that soldier of faith we must never let ourselves become discouraged and cynical, but trusting always to the power of God who saves, we must give witness to Him through the words we speak and in the action of our lives.

Father Paul

A warm welcome to all visitors who join us this weekend. Please join us for Tea & Coffee after **8.00am** and **10.30am** Masses in St Joseph's and after **9.30am** Mass in Our Lady Star of the Sea.

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Meetings in St. Joseph's Parish Room (SJ), Our Lady Star of the Sea Centre (SS), Centre for Peace (CP) unless noted otherwise; Services in the Church.

SUNDAY

4.00pm Benediction (SJ)

MONDAY

12 noon Mass preceded by Rosary (SS)

TUESDAY

10am-11am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament (SJ)

WEDNESDAY

Rosary preceding 12.05pm Mass (ND)

7.00pm Holy Hour & Rosary (SJ)

THURSDAY

10am-11am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament (SJ)

7.30pm St Padre Pio Prayer Group (see note)

FRIDAY

7.30pm Rosary (CP)

SATURDAY

11.00am Legion of Mary (SJ)

Rosary before 5.30pm Mass (ND)

SUNDAY

2.00pm Rosary for Edel Quinn (SJ)

Please remember in your prayers:

- **Community of Our Lady Star of the Sea, St Sampson;**
- **Mary Turner, Margaret O'Donnell, Freya McCormack (age 3), Betty Thompson, Smith Family** and all who are sick in our community;
- **Catherine Damarell** who died this week;
- **Lee Hope, Walter Austin, Maria Goncalves, Caroline O'Hare** and all whose anniversaries occur about now. **May they rest in peace.**

The Island Prayer Scheme this week asks prayers for **Guernsey Salvation Army - L'Islet Centre & Nocq Road Shop & Cafe.**

Benediction

There will be **Benediction TODAY** at **4.00pm** in **St Joseph's Church.**
Please note this will be the last Sunday Benediction until the autumn.
All are most welcome

Sacrament of Marriage
Congratulations to
Jade Elliott &
Steven de Carteret



on their marriage in St Joseph's Church.

Sacrament of Baptism



We welcome in Baptism at St Joseph's **Harriet Grierson** and **Finnley & Zachary Walker.** *Please remember them, their families and Godparents in your prayers.*

Holy Hour and Rosary
Wednesday 26th July, 7.00pm
in **St Joseph's Church.**



St Padre Pio & St Philomena Prayer Group meet on **Thursday 27th July** at **Bill & Jenny Trubuil's** home, starting at **7.30pm.** *If anyone without transport desires to attend and needs a lift simply ring us on 255163 and we will arrange to pick you up and return you home afterwards.*

7th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage
Saturday 29th July, for details see www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk
Send us any prayer requests at CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk or text to 07795 205114.

Have you ever felt drawn to joining the Catholic Church?

Perhaps you are just curious to find out more. **Why not call the Parish Office on 720196 to arrange an informal chat.**

Life Changing Ministry
The Ecumenical Church without Walls
Afternoon Tea
Saturday 29th July at **Les Cotils**
For details and booking contact
revjanleb@gmail.com
or tel **07781 435420, 01481 234283.**



Les Babouins de Tortevea 2017
14th Annual Torteval Scarecrow Festival

Saturday 5th - Sunday 6th August
10.00am - 5.00pm

Starting from Torteval Parish Church, walk the Scarecrow Trail (1 1/2 hours approx) through some of Torteval's delightful lanes.

Free Parking : Perry's Guide 26D3

OSA Pop Up Shop, Smith Street

Claire & Janet Harbottle are selling good quality second hand books
7th - 12th August,
10.00am - 4.00pm,
in aid of **Riding for the Disabled.**

Annual Candlelight Procession
for the **Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady**
Saturday 12th August
Les Vauxbelets, St Andrew's
All welcome

Le Platon 100 Club Lottery
Results for June

£100 - 10; £50 - 36; £25 - 13

Missing Mass Cards at St Joseph's

We seem to have lost a number of copies of the laminated Mass Cards at St Joseph's. Will you please check if you have inadvertently taken one home and return it to the church. Thank you.

ALDERNEY PRIEST'S COVER
Canon Michael will be in Alderney
from **28th - 30th July.**

Confirmation 2018

Bishop Philip will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Parish in Eastertide 2018

Any young people who are at least 13 years old on 1st September 2017 are invited to join the preparation course which will start on **14th September 2017.**

For those who were unable to attend the recent Parents Meeting, all of the relevant information is available on the Parish website catholic.org.gg/confirmation.

Registration will close on
27th August 2017.

Lost Property at St. Joseph's

We would very much like to clear items of lost property (e.g. missals, spectacles, gloves etc.) which have accumulated over some time. If you believe that you may have mislaid something at St. Joseph's, please could you check the "Lost Property" box at the back of the church. Anything that is not re-claimed over the next two-three weeks we may have to consider re-cycling by giving-away, donating to charity shops or in the case of very old missals, disposing of in the paper re-cycling bins.

We wish to do everything possible to avoid re-cycling/disposing of lost property but, regrettably, we cannot hold lost property indefinitely.

Thank you for your co-operation.

St Peter's Church
Community Flower Festival

"All Things Bright and Beautiful,
All Creatures Great and Small"
Thursday 10th August to
Saturday 12th August 2017.