

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 16th September

First Mass of Sunday

ND 5.30pm Holy Souls
SS 6.00pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday 17th September

SJ 8.00am Peter Meerveld RIP
SS 9.30am Angele Shore RIP
SJ 10.30am Maria Tersigni RIP
SJ 6.30pm McKay Family

Monday 18th September

SJ 7.30am Manuel Nobrega RIP
SS 12 noon Holy Souls

Tuesday 19th September

LP 7.30am Georgina's Intention
SJ 9.30am Joan Alliss & Cindy G.E.

Wednesday 20th September

SJ 7.30am Mary Turner RIP
ND 12.05pm Eureka Manuel RIP

Thursday 21st September

LP 7.30am Pauline McKenna RIP
SJ 9.30am Holy Souls

Friday 22nd September

SJ 7.30am Christy Reddan
LP 11.00am Pauline McKenna RIP

Saturday 23rd September

SJ 10.00am Sylvia & Jack Costelloe (32nd
Wedding Anniversary)

First Mass of Sunday

ND 5.30pm For the People of the Parish
SS 6.00pm Deceased members of Wyatt &
Devenport families

Sunday 24th September

SJ 8.00am Emile & Jacqueline Chauvel RIP
SS 9.30am Nita Dubois
SJ 10.30am Yves Davy, Beulah & Roger
West RIP
SJ 6.30pm Ted Barrasin RIP

SJ - St. Joseph's Church

ND - Notre Dame Church

SS - Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

LP - Le Platon Home

All notices for the Link to the Parish Office by
noon on Thursday at the latest, please.
Priority is given to Parish and Church notices.
Other items included when space permits.

This week's Psalm Response

**The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

Prayer of the Church: Week 4

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

Feast Days this week

Wednesday: St Andrew Kim Taegon, St Paul
Chong Hasang & Companions
Thursday: St Matthew
Saturday: St Pio of Pietrelcina

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: **£2,086**

Standing orders approx: **£750**

Total: **£2,836**

Education Sunday: £1,010

Covenant with the Poor: **£33**

**Retiring collection this weekend is
for Home Mission.**

**During September, Waitrose at
Admiral Park is collecting green
tokens for the Little Chapel.**

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with what's happening in the Diocese.

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weeks. To subscribe go to the Diocesan

website: **portsmouthdiocese.org.uk**

and click on e-news. **This week there**

is an update on the 'Adoremus

Centre' in Alderney.

Tumaini Fund Flag Days

4th, 6th and 7th October

**If anyone can help with one hour slots
please contact Diana Arundale on
264942 or arundale@cwgsy.net**

Parish of Our Lady and the Saints of Guernsey

THE LINK

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - 17th September 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 Parish Office is open weekdays 9.30am - 1.30pm

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Forgive and Forget

There is a great temptation to focus only on the Sunday Gospel and yet so often the answer to the 'why and how' of the Gospel can be found within the first or second reading. Today is a case in point.

We understand clearly that as Christians we have an absolute obligation to forgive others as God forgives us, but why? The answer is spelt out in the second reading. 'None of us lives for oneself', our relationship with others is a mirror image of our relationship with God. Christ's dying and rising is a model for us of our own dying and rising, 'No one dies for oneself' but always for the sake of others. Forgiving involves dying to ourselves and to damaged relationships; we then have to let go, and that's the tricky bit. Yet when we do it is a clear sign that God has a hold on us and enables us to act in a God like way.

For the Country Music lovers among us, Willy Nelson sums it up beautifully in his song 'Forgiving you is easy, its forgetting that takes the longest time'. When we withhold forgiveness it's our final attempt to have claim over the one that we won't forgive. We attempt to hold on to power and take the moral high ground, to manipulate and shame, control and diminish. Jesus refuses all such power. The mystery of God's immeasurable forgiveness towards us is his ultimate entry into powerlessness. Justice and mercy are the results of a pure heart and it is a pure heart that sees God. Our willingness to forgive is the condition of God's forgiveness of us. Is it time now to let go? After all, no individual is the sum total of the worst acts he or she has ever committed. Forgiveness is the only way to find peace of mind and in turn receive God's forgiveness for ourselves, but as Willy says;

Forgiving is easy ... it's forgetting that takes the longest time.

Deacon Mark

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 (SS)

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)

6.30-8.00pm Spark (Years 5-8) (SJ Hall)

7.00-8.00pm Confirmation Preparation (SJ)

8.00pm Cygnet (Years 9-12) (SJ)

FRIDAY

7.30pm Rosary (CP)

SATURDAY

11.00am Legion of Mary (SJ)

Rosary before 5.30pm Mass (ND)

7.00pm All Saints Youth Club (SS)
(Scavenger Hunt in Park)

Please remember in your prayers:

- **Ernie Backlund-Leale, Tony Merrien, Richard Oke** and all who are sick in our community;
- **Fr Terry Burke MHM** (former Diocesan Priest) who died this week;
- **Eureka Manuel, Peter Meerveld, Roy Honey** and all whose anniversaries occur about now. *May they rest in peace.*

The Island Prayer Scheme this week asks prayers for **Alderney Parish Church/Roman Catholic Church.**

Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor RIP
Prayer Cards for the Cardinal are available in the church porches. Please take one.

Benediction TODAY

4.00pm in Our Lady Star of the Sea
All are most welcome to attend.



Sacrament of Baptism: We

welcome in Baptism at
Our Lady Star of the Sea

Sebastian Ben Wheeler.

Please remember him, his family and Godparents in your prayers.



Holy Hour and Rosary for Vocations

Wednesday 20th September
7.00pm in St Joseph's Church.

Spark for Years 5-8

Thursday 21st September 6.30pm
in St Joseph's Hall, when we will be exploring St Matthew.

Cygnet for Years 9-12

Thursday 21st September 8.00pm
at St Joseph's, for cake and debates.

'World Peace Day'

On Thursday 21st September at 7.00pm there is a free event in the Town Church for EVERYONE. This is to focus on 'World Peace' and is a GLOBAL event with 1.1 million singers/musicians participating world wide. In Guernsey we welcome four choirs and four readers. **No booking, free programmes and free refreshments afterwards.**

St Joseph's and Notre Dame bells will be ringing in unison with all Island Churches between 6.00-7.00pm.

St Joseph's Church - Pavement
Parking: 10.30am Mass in particular:
Please refrain from parking on the pavement outside the church as this prevents the safe passage of families with prams and pushchairs - and it is illegal!

The Annual Charybdis and Limbourne Service will take place on **Sunday 24th September at 3.00pm** at Le Foulon Cemetery.

Blanchelande College Open Morning
Saturday 30th September 9.00am-1.00pm
Presentations by the Principal at 9.00am and 11.00am. Parents/carers are warmly invited to come and have a tour of the College, meet the staff and pupils and enjoy some refreshments after. **Further details can be found on the College's website www.blanchelande.co.uk**

Benediction Dates for the autumn

17th September: Our Lady Star of the Sea

15th October: St Joseph's

26th November: Our Lady Star of the Sea

17th December: St Joseph's

All Services at 4.00pm

Why not seriously consider making a real effort to spend just thirty minutes of quiet reflection and adoration with the Blessed Sacrament.

All are most welcome.

Mary's Meals International Food Evening **Saturday 14th October**

St Martin's Community Centre - 7.00pm

Three course Meal buffet style,

£15 adults, £8 children up to 11 years.

Included this year we have:

Mary's Meals guest speaker, raffle, name the bear competition and entertainment.

Booking forms at back of the churches or check our facebook page: [Guernsey Friends of Mary's Meals.](#)

Call or text Gloria on 07781 412352 or email glowleal@hotmail.com

ALDERNEY PRIEST'S COVER
Canon Michael will be in Alderney from 8th - 18th September.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARISHIONERS - PLEASE READ

Angela McGrory, who is the Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator, will be holding a **CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING SESSION** at St. Joseph's Parish Room on **Tuesday 26th September at 10.30am - 1.00pm.**

This training session will include the Clergy, Safeguarding Representatives, Eucharistic Ministers and Group Leaders of Volunteer Groups from all the Churches.

Angela has asked that we express the importance of you attending this session and of your continued support for Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults.

We do hope as many of you as possible will attend as it is beneficial to our Church as well as enabling you to pass on the information to others in your groups.

If you are unable to attend please ask another member of your group to take your place. If an additional member would also like to attend then that would be fine.

Please reply by email to: covens@cwgsy.net or tel. no. 701398 stating if you are able to ATTEND / NOT ATTEND or the nominated person representing your group.

Thanking you for your support, Bridget Cowens, Pat Devenport and Paul Robilliard - Safeguarding Representatives.

Mass Intention Diary

Due to high demand the diary for 2017 is now full. **No bookings** will be taken yet for 2018 until the diary is available towards the end of the year.