

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 14th April

ND 5.30pm For the People of the Parish
SS 6.00pm The Power Family RIP

Sunday 15th April

SJ 8.00am Mr & Mrs G Strainger RIP
SS 9.30am All who give generously to
the Priests Retirement Fund
SJ 10.30am Guilbert Family RIP
SJ 6.30pm Peter Wilson & Eddie
McDermott RIP

Monday 16th April

SJ 7.30am Vera & John Lannin RIP
SS 12 noon Holy Souls

Tuesday 17th April

LP 7.30am Shore Family RIP
SJ 9.30am Yves Davy, Roger & Beulah
West RIP

Wednesday 18th April

SJ 7.30am Deceased members of the
Johnson Family
ND 12.05pm Charles & Odette Honey RIP

Thursday 19th April

LP 7.30am Paula Gaudion & Family
SJ 9.30am Madeleine Timmer RIP

Friday 20th April

SJ 7.30am Finch Family Intentions
LP 11am Private Intention

Saturday 21st April

SJ 10.00am Emile & Jacqueline Chauvel RIP
First Mass of Sunday

ND 5.30pm Holy Souls
SS 6.00pm Roberto Molinari RIP

Sunday 22nd April - Vocation Sunday

SJ 8.00am Sheila Plant RIP
SS 9.30am Louise & Peter Helmut RIP
SJ 10.30am For the People of the Parish
SJ 6.30pm Marite's Intentions

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 should be given to
the Parish Office by 12 noon, Thursday.

This week's Psalm Response

Lift up the light of your face on us,
O Lord.

Prayer of the Church: Week 3

Confessions next 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: **£2,066**

Standing orders approx: **£750**

Total: £2,816

Covenant with the Poor: **£36**

**Next week's retiring collection will be
for the Clergy Training Fund.**

CAFOD thanks you for your support to
the Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to
CAFOD until 12th May will be doubled by
the UK Government. We have planned a
£5 million programme to combat
malnutrition - and with it we hope to be
able to reach 245,000 people. But we need
the full amount of match funding to make it
happen. We still have some way to go yet!
To donate please go to cafod.org.uk/lent

Norman Bourel thanks the Catholic
Youth for all the letters and cards he has
received throughout the year.

Diary Dates

29th April Rosary on the Coast (Cobo)

Benediction at 4.00pm

6th May - Our Lady Star of the Sea

24th June - St Joseph's

*Why not make a real effort this year to come
along to Benediction and spend just thirty
minutes of quiet reflection and adoration with
the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.*

Taizé Service

St Stephen's Church

Saturday 21st April at 4.00pm

Parish of Our Lady and the Saints of Guernsey

THE LINK

Third Sunday of Easter Year B - 15th April 2018

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

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But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts?'

It's common to question your faith at different times of your life. Young people need to do so, in order to claim their faith as their own. Older people may find themselves in doubt because they never came to grips with the question, 'Who is God?'

Each person has a different relationship to doubt. Some fear it. Others accept it. A few get lost in it.

When Pope Francis spoke about doubt in 2016, he said, "I have many. ... Of course, everyone has doubts at times! Doubts that touch the faith, in a positive way, are a sign that we want to know better and more fully God, Jesus and the mystery of his love for us. ... These are doubts that bring about growth! It is good, therefore, that we ask questions about our faith, because in this way we are pushed to deepen it."

Many people have a long list of "why would God..." questions (fill in the blank: allow evil, command genocide, not permit homosexual behaviour, remain so hidden, etc.). Collectively, those questions may seem too weighty to resolve. But at the root of them all is often a nagging feeling that God must not really exist if He is so hard to understand. In this case, I would suggest studying the evidence for God's existence rather than diving into answers for every individual question in the ball of yarn. Once you are fully convinced of His existence, you can come back to your questions with a fresh look that is focused on gaining understanding rather than on proving to yourself that God makes sense.

Christian faith is rational. It rests on actual historical events, reasons to believe, not magic, not religious imagination, not superstition, not wishful thinking. Some people have beautiful stories to tell about brilliant moments of God's love and presence that have helped them grow in faith.

Listening to the Mass, we hear that the Church does not say that we, as a People, are without sin or doubt, but rather that we acknowledge our own incompleteness and waywardness and trust that God will embrace us as we are.

Fr Michał

A warm welcome to all visitors who join us this week. Tea & Coffee are available after **8.00am & 10.30am Mass** in St Joseph's & 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

11.50am Allegro Rehearsal (SJ)

MONDAY

12 noon Mass preceded by Rosary (SS)

TUESDAY

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

9.30am St Mary & St Michael Mass (SS)

WEDNESDAY

Rosary preceding 12.05pm Mass (ND)

7.00pm Holy Hour & Rosary (SJ)

THURSDAY

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

6.30pm SPARK (SJ Hall)

7.00pm Confirmation Preparation (SJ)

FRIDAY

7.30pm Rosary (CP)

SATURDAY

11.00am Legion of (SJ)

Rosary preceding 5.30pm Mass (ND)

7.00pm All Saints Youth Club (SS)

SUNDAY-Vocation Sunday

3-5.00pm Mary's Meals Afternoon Tea (SJ)

Please remember in your prayers:

- **Helene Guilмотo, Mike Cormack, Flavio Ruzzon, Betty Mapley, Pat Devenport** and all who are sick in our community;
- **Mary Corbett and Marguerite Marie Dicquemare** who died this week;
- **Josephine Plant, Phyllis Troalic, Jaxson Etchells** and all whose anniversaries occur about now. **May the rest in peace.**

The Island Prayer Scheme this week asks prayers for **Churches in Guernsey Ecumenical work/Philippi Counselling.**

A Free Gift from the Bishop!

A small booklet called **Bringing People Closer to Jesus Christ through His Church** is being distributed throughout the diocese today. It comprises prayers and reflections and lays out a pastoral vision that I would like everyone in the Diocese - clergy, faithful and consecrated - to work towards over the next few years so that we may truly engage as disciples of Christ in the work of mission and new evangelisation. I hope that everyone will take up this booklet and use it as the basis for their prayer and pastoral planning. **Bishop Philip**

Copies of the Bishop's letter are available in the porches to take home.

There will be rehearsals for the **Allegro Choir** after Mass today, Sunday 15th April, in the Parish Room, rehearsals start 11.50am. Everyone welcome especially the children. Refreshments will be provided. **Let's help make our family Mass a most joyous occasion for all, we can only do it with your help.**



Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome in Baptism at Our Lady Star of the Sea **Madelyn Rose Harvey.** **Please remember her, her family and Godparents in your prayers.**

'Guidelines' on Radio Guernsey Monday 16th - Friday 20th will be presented by **Cynthia Cormack.**

St Mary & St Michael School
Beginning of Summer Term Mass
Tuesday 17th April at 9.30am
Our Lady Star of the Sea
All welcome

Holy Hour & Rosary for Vocations

Wednesday 18th April

7.00pm in St Joseph's Church

Spark: For Years 5 - 8; 19th April

Stations of the resurrection

6.30 - 8.00pm in St Joseph's Hall

St Padre Pio & St Philomena Prayer Group will meet on **Thursday 19th April at 7.30pm** at Bill and Jenny's home. **Should anyone require a lift or more information please ring 255163.**

SPIRIT ON THE ROCK Jersey, 20th - 22nd April "BE THE LIGHT" 10th ANNIVERSARY EVENT

A weekend youth event with off island speakers, activities, overnight community spirit with prayer and formation.

Year 7+ are invited for an action packed, faith filled witness to faith. Talks, workshops, walk of witness, prayer and reflection, Mass and Adoration together. **To book contact Tom by Monday 16th April. youthministry@catholic.org.gg or tel 07781 129310.**

Mary's Meals Afternoon Tea Party Sunday 22nd April 3.00 to 5.00 pm at St Joseph's Church Hall.

Come and enjoy an afternoon eating yummy cakes, sandwiches and catch up with your friends over a cup of coffee or tea. Prosecco will also be available at an extra donation on the day.

Tickets are £11 per adult; £7 per child up to 11 years old. **Places must be booked in advance.** Cheques made payable to Guernsey Friends of Mary's Meals, UK. You can also directly into our project. Please inbox us details to forward your tickets to you if you pay directly to our project: www.marysmeals.org.uk/fundraising/project/gloria-dekker/guernsey-friends-of-marys-meals-uk-1 **For more detail contact Gloria Dekker: glowleal@hotmail.com or 07781412352.**

ALDERNEY

Canon Michael will be in Alderney from 11th - 20th April.

Assisted Dying Requête

Please do remember not to leave the writing of a letter or email to your deputies to others. This is a question of life itself. **If needed, our website (catholic.org.gg) has a link to all the States deputies' contact details and also the details of the Requête.**

Diary Date: 15th May - An all-night prayer vigil will be held in St Joseph's Church - the eve of the debate.

There is a facebook 'anti-euthanasia campaign for Guernsey' available at fb.me/assisteddying.gg

Rosary on the Coast Sunday 29th April, 3.00pm at Cobo

Calling all Catholics, Parish Groups and all people of

good will to join together in this act of prayer for the nations "The Rosary". This powerful and popular prayer in which we will pray for the healing and unity of our nations. The Cardinal and many Bishops across the British Isles have given their full support and encouragement in the Rosary on the Coast. **Pope Francis has imparted his Apostolic Blessing on all those participating in the Rosary on the Coast for Faith, Life & Peace.** **All who wish to join together to pray the Rosary, please meet at Cobo Kiosk, Cobo Coast Road, for 2.45pm.**



'Kim Sings Karen Carpenter' 21st April, 7.30pm at St James

Kim Reece-Sheerin pays tribute to the late Karen Carpenter, including classics such as 'Top of the World' and 'Ticket to Ride'. **Tickets £12 from St James, 711361. A donation will be made to Guernsey Cheshire Home.**