

## Mass Times and Intentions

### Saturday 18th November

#### First Mass of Sunday

ND 5.30pm Philip & Emilienne Cooper RIP

SS 6.00pm Luis & Catarina Intentions

### Sunday 19th November

SJ 8.00am Deceased Members of Jones, Enevoldsen & Sensi Families

SS 9.30am For the People of the Parish

SJ 10.30am Mario Tersigni RIP

SJ 6.30pm Ted Barrasin RIP

### Monday 20th November

SJ 7.30am Charles Travers RIP

SS 12 noon Peggy Knight RIP

### Tuesday 21st November

LP 7.30am Pat Diamond RIP

SJ 9.30am Yves Davy, Roger & Beulah West RIP

### Wednesday 22nd November

SJ 7.30am Maureen Mahy RIP

ND 12.05pm Annie & Billy Cashin RIP

### Thursday 23rd November

LP 7.30am Pauline McKenna RIP

SJ 9.30am Charles Horan RIP

### Friday 24th November

SJ 7.30am Ken Finch's Intentions

LP 11.00am Private Intention

### Saturday 25th November

SJ 10.00am Frank Murphy RIP

#### First Mass of Sunday

ND 5.30pm For the People of the Parish

SS 6.00pm Bridie Harnden RIP

### Sunday 26th November

SJ 8.00am Katy Elizabeth Bennington RIP

SS 9.30am Ted Barrasin RIP

SJ 10.30am Don Hearne RIP

SJ 6.30pm Ben Clapp RIP

SJ - St. Joseph's Church

ND - Notre Dame Church

SS - Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

LP - Le Platon Home

## J.S. Bach CHRISTMAS ORATORIO

Guernsey Bach Choir and Orchestra

with guest soloists; Conductor Alan Gough. Saturday 25th November 8.00pm at St James.

Tickets £14, £12 OAP/students, available from St James booking office, 711361.

## This week's Psalm Response

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

### Prayer of the Church: Week 1

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

### Feast Days this week

Tuesday: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St Cecilia

Friday: St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

### 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: **£2,295**

Standing orders approx: **£750**

Total: **£3,045**

Covenant with the Poor: **£18**

**The retiring collection this weekend is for WINGS.** See notice overleaf.

**Guernsey Welfare Service** will be pleased to receive gifts of festive chocolates and biscuits for distribution to their clients this Christmas. These are always gratefully received by clients. Donations may be left in the food bank bins in our churches.

Financial donations towards fuel vouchers will also be appreciated. *Envelopes for this will be available soon or ring GWS, 711847.*

## Would you like to sing in the Parish Schola?

Our preparations for Christmas have just begun and we are searching for new voices to join us (even just for Christmas). Rehearsals take place in St Joseph's on **Tuesday from 7.00-8.00pm. Contact Luke for more information, 07781 122199 or lodonnell@cwgsy.net.**

'He who sings prays twice.' St Augustine

## Parish of Our Lady and the Saints of Guernsey

# THE LINK

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - 19th November 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 Lightley

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

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## Silence in Heaven.

The question of silence in an ever-busy and noisy world can give rise to heated opinion as to the degree, amount and quality of that silence. This is especially true when we consider the necessity for silence in our churches. In one way, I am not the best person to compile these thoughts, because I am very conscious of the fact that very often I am guilty of starting a conversation with Mr or Mrs So-and-so – always, of course, from an excellent motive - but forgetting that such vocal activity may disturb the heart-felt and sincere need of another who wishes to pray in the silence of his or her heart, in the silence of the church. There are, indeed, occasions when charity demands that we speak to our neighbour, but on the whole perhaps we have got to the stage at which we are too free in our discussions of last night's football match, and other subjects, to the detriment of the respect that we should have for this sacred place, and the God who dwells there.

The Temple in Jerusalem was, for the Jewish people, the place where 'right' and true worship of God was to be offered. We recall in the pages of the Gospel, the manner in which Jesus cleansed the Temple of all that He saw as being at odds with this purpose. This act of restoration was expected and was seen, indeed, as a sign of the Messianic Age and a declaration that He who carried out this action was the Anointed One of God. 'My house shall be called a house of prayer', Jesus declares (Lk. 19 v. 46). We have, therefore, to keep this divine charter for God's holy temple before our minds. Whenever we have occasion to engage in conversation with another in our churches, let it never be in a way that shows any form of disrespect to Our Blessed Lord nor causes one who wishes to pray, to be unable to enjoy their sacred conversation with the Lord.

**Father Paul**

**Books of the Dead** have been opened by the font in our three churches. Please feel free to add the name/s of your dearly departed loved ones, relations and friends if they aren't already inscribed.

**The Annual Mass for the Departed of the Parish**, and all those whose names are inscribed in the books, will be held in **St Joseph's Church on Friday 24th November at 7.00pm.** All are very welcome to attend this Mass in order to remember your departed loved ones & friends. *Light refreshments afterwards for all in the Parish Room.*

**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 Hall 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.

- 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)  
7.00-8.00pm Confirmation Preparation (SJ)
- FRIDAY**  
7.00pm Mass for the Dead (SJ)  
**Please note:** No Rosary at Centre for Peace
- SATURDAY**  
11.00am Legion of Mary (SJ)  
2.00pm Youth Sunday Activities (See note)  
3.00pm Afternoon Tea Party at Delancey  
Rosary before 5.30pm Mass (ND)  
**No Youth Club this week**
- SUNDAY**  
10.30am Parish Schola sing for Christ the King (SJ)  
2.00-4.30pm St Mary & St Michael PTFA Advent Bazaar  
2.30pm Rosary for Edel Quinn's Beatification (Tel 729445 for details)  
4.00pm Benediction (SS)

**Please remember in your prayers:**

- **Richard Oke** and all who are sick in our community;
- **Joan Trubuil** and **Paddy Hussey** who died recently;
- **Canon Richard Hind, Eileen Enevoldsen, Peggy Le Prevost** and all whose anniversaries occur about now. **May they rest in peace.**

**The Island Prayer Scheme** this week asks prayers for **Bordeaux Methodist Church.**

**WINGS collection today.**

You may have heard **Dr Susan Wilson of the Tumaini Fund** on Radio Guernsey talking about the 48 children of a primary school in Kihingi, Tanzania who have been seriously injured by a hand grenade. Survivors are being treated in the local Little Catholic Rulenge Hospital which has few resources to treat them. Tumaini is on the spot, know the needs and has already given some help. The hospital needs sheets, blankets, antiseptic, dressings and antibiotics and some children will need long term treatment like prosthetics. **So your donations today will go to the Tumaini fund specifically for the Kihingi children and the hospital's needs.** Like the words attributed to St Theresa - "**Christ has no body now but yours, no hands no feet on earth but yours.**" Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ to the poor children of Kihingi.

**This Sunday is the first 'World Day of the Poor'. Pope Francis** has instituted this new day as a way of inviting us to understand that sharing with those living in poverty "enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel". In his message for the World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis asks all of us, whatever our means, to unite in love and in acts of service to one another. He explains: "that it is my wish that ... Christian communities will make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance." Please consider how you can create moments of encounter and friendship today. As a means of practical help there are the Food Banks in our three churches, to which many kind parishioners donate food items each week.  
**See also Guernsey Welfare notice.**



**Sacrament of Baptism**

We welcome in Baptism at St Joseph's **Cooper-Jay Maunder** and **Amelie Rogers.**  
**Please remember them, their families and Godparents in your prayers.**

**'Guidelines' on Radio Guernsey Monday 20th - Friday 24th and the Sunday Service on 26th November, the Feast of Christ the King, will be presented by the Children of Notre Dame and St Mary & St Michael Schools.**

**Holy Hour and Rosary**  
Wednesday 22nd November  
7.00pm in St Joseph's Church.



**Great Things**

**Youth Sunday 2017**  
2.00pm Saturday 25th –  
10.30am Sunday 26th November at Our Lady Star of the Sea  
**Youth sleeper** with games, activities, prayer & adoration for everyone in school **Years 6-13.** Includes serving at the tea party for the elderly. £7 per person.  
**To book contact Tom 07781 129310**  
[youthministry@catholic.org.gg](mailto:youthministry@catholic.org.gg)  
The whole parish is invited to join the young people following the **Saturday 6.00pm Mass** for fish & chips followed by Adoration & Confession at 8.00pm.  
**Numbers for food to Tom please.**

**Afternoon Tea Party**  
**Saturday 25th November, 3.00-4.30pm**  
**Guernsey Alzheimer's Centre, Delancey.**  
The Guernsey Catholic youth & the Parish Befrienders Group extend an invitation to all housebound or elderly to come along!  
**If you would like to come, or know someone we can invite, please call Viv Thomson on 254969 or Moira Heame on 251235. Lifts can be arranged if needed.**

**TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND VOLUNTEERS**

In keeping with the Portsmouth Diocese Procedures, it is a requirement that all who enter the Sacristies in our three churches, even for the briefest of periods, **MUST sign the Register Book.**

In St Joseph's, the Register Book is situated in the outer area by the sink.  
**We would appreciate your co-operation in this matter.**

*The Way of the Nativity By Candlelight*  
An Advent service of prayer, reflection and readings.

**Monday 4th December at 7.00pm**  
Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Followed by hot drinks and mince pies.  
**Do try and make time to come along.**

**'Mince Pies':** Would you be willing to bake a few mince pies for the Parish Advent service on Monday 4th December? **If so please contact Sandy on 01481249776 or 07781 193673 to arrange drop off date.**

**St Mary & St Michael PTFA Advent Bazaar**  
**Sunday 26th November**  
2.00pm until 4.30pm

**BENEDICTION Next Sunday**  
4.00pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea

**Parish Christmas Lunch**  
**3rd December 2017**  
**Les Rocquettes Hotel**  
4 course menu



£20.50 Adults; £12 children (12 & under)  
Please pick up a menu and booking form from the church porches or the Parish Office during office hours.  
**Booking deadline is 28th November**  
**Donations of raffle prizes welcome.**