

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 4th February

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

Gordon Fooks RIP

SS 6.00pm John Sembele RIP

Sunday 5th February

SJ 8.00am Christopher Baber RIP

SS 9.30am Rosa Harvey RIP

SJ 10.30am Annie & Billy Cashin RIP

SJ 4.30pm *Mass in Polish*

SJ 6.30pm Fatima de Sousa Rodrigues RIP

Monday 6th February

SJ 7.30am Ted Le Gallez RIP

SS 12 noon Gerald Hitchen RIP

SP 12 noon Derek Barlow (*Mass in Sark*)

Tuesday 7th February

LP 7.30am Auguste Tardivel RIP

SJ 9.30am Peter Wilson

Wednesday 8th February

SJ 7.30am Mr & Mrs E Curry RIP

SJ 9.30am *Angela Balshaw Requiem Mass*

ND 12.05pm Marie McDermott & Family

SA 7.00pm Mass at St Apolline Chapel

Thursday 9th February

LP 7.30am Shore & Helmot families

SJ 9.30am Alec Alliss RIP

ND 10.00am *Marcel Flouquet Requiem Mass*

LC 11.30am Nita Dubois' Intentions

Friday 10th February

SJ 7.30am Holy Souls

ND 5.30pm Nel Carter RIP

Saturday 11th February

SJ 10.00am Sister M de Lourdes Intention

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

Personal Intentions of the Singers at Notre Dame Church

SS 6.00pm Clifford & Leah Le Poidevin RIP

Sunday 12th February

SJ 8.00am Adelaide & John Guilbert RIP

SS 9.30am Pauline McKenna RIP

SJ 10.30am Mrs Judy Battye RIP

SJ 6.30pm Yves Davy RIP

SJ - St. Joseph's LC - Les Cotils

ND - Notre Dame du Rosaire Church

SS - Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

LP - Le Platon SP - St Peter's, Sark

SA - St Apolline Chapel

Today's Psalm Response

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Prayer of the Church Week 1

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

Feast Days this week

Monday: St Paul Miki & Companions

Friday: St Scholastica

Confessions on Saturdays

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: **£2,635**

Standing Orders and Covenants: **£467**

Total: £3,102

Covenant with the Poor: **£24**

The retiring collection this weekend is for Education Sunday to support our local Catholic Primary Schools.

Notre Dame School Blue Tie Ball

Thank you to the many parishioners who attended the Ball at the OGH last week, which raised £6,500 towards the Building Fund.

Relaunching! St Matthew's Community Centre Building Project Thursday 9th February at 7.30pm

Guernsey Girls' Choir

Youth Chamber Orchestra

At St Matthew's Cobo

Tickets £10 including drinks & canapés

Tel 254464 or www.stmatthews.org.gg

*All notices for next week's Newsletter should be given to the **Parish Office at Ampthill House**, marked 'The Link', by Thursday noon at the latest. Priority is given to Church and Parish items.*

Parish of Our Lady and the Saints of Guernsey

THE LINK

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B - 5th February 2012

St Joseph & St Mary, Notre Dame du Rosaire, Our Lady Star of the Sea

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EDUCATION SUNDAY

On Sunday 5 February, along with other Christian churches in England and Wales, we mark Education Sunday. Bishop Malcolm McMahon writes, "In the Gospel appointed for this Sunday we hear that all the people of the city are searching for Jesus. He is 'the way, the truth and the life' and to accept this is to know true freedom and fullness of life. Our schools and colleges play an important role in the life of the Church, sharing in the mission to make Christ known to all peoples."

Bishop McMahon is Chairman of the Catholic Education Service of England and Wales (CESEW). **In every parish today's collection goes towards the work of the CESEW, apart from in Guernsey, where we are allowed to keep the proceeds of the collection for the upkeep of our two voluntary schools, Notre Dame and St Mary and St Michael.** However we still are indebted to the CESEW for the work they do.

The prime function of the CESEW is to, "negotiate, on behalf of all bishops, with Government, and other national bodies on legal, administrative, and religious education matters." It is a great credit to Bishop McMahon and his team that, despite rafts of new legislation in the UK and a rapidly changing education scene, Catholic schools are still held in the highest esteem and continue to prosper. Every new piece of legislation is scrutinised thoroughly to ensure nothing detrimental to Catholic schools enters the statute books. Advice is given to school governors and campaigns are launched when necessary. For example, today marks the launch of a CESEW move to protect school transport subsidies, vital in rural areas where the nearest Catholic school may be 20 miles away.

Canon Law 797 states, "Parents must have a real freedom in their choice of schools. For this reason, Christ's faithful must be watchful that civil society acknowledges this freedom..." As we approach the Guernsey General election we must ensure that each of us is registered to vote, and that we are prepared to quiz our Deputy candidates as to their position on these matters, and anything else which impacts on our lives as Christians.

These are exciting times for Catholic education in our Island. The 1970 Education Law is due for urgent revision in the next States' term. Let's make sure that our new Deputies are up to the job!

Peter McGovern,
Head Teacher, Notre Dame School

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 (Rosary at 11.30am (SS))
3.45pm First Communion Class (SJ)

TUESDAY

11.00am (SJ) Funeral Service *therefore no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today*
7.30pm Guernsey Pastoral Council (SJ)
7.30pm Rosary (Centre for Peace)

WEDNESDAY

2.30pm Legion of Mary (SJ)
7.00pm Mass at St Apolline Chapel
7.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary (SJ)

THURSDAY

10.00-11.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (SJ)
7.00-9.00pm Cygnet (SJ Youth Room)
7.00pm First Communion parents meeting (St M & M School)
7.30pm RCIA course (SJ)

FRIDAY

2.30pm Mother's Prayers (CP)

Please remember in your prayers:

- Staff & pupils, managers, governors & parents of our three Catholic Schools;
- Peggy Wilkinson, David Taylor, Brenda Clapp, Mary Turner and all who are sick in our community;
- Patrick Help, Angela Balshaw & Marcel Flouquet who died last week, Ted Le Gallez, Cedric Hockey, Bishop Derek Worlock and all whose anniversaries occur about now. *May they rest in peace.*

The Island Prayer Scheme this week asks prayers for Alderney - Methodist Church/Salvation Army.

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.**



Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome in Baptism at St Joseph's

Harrison & Georgia Bradley and at Our lady Star of the Sea
Isla Grace Rault

Please remember them, their parents and godparents in your prayers.

Guernsey Pastoral Council: The next meeting will take place on **7th February**. *Items you may wish discussed should be put in writing and addressed to The Secretary, GPC, c/o Ampthill House by Monday noon at the latest.* The Minutes of the Meeting held last November can now be viewed on the notice boards.

Mass will be celebrated at **St Apolline Chapel on Wednesday 8th February at 7pm**. The actual Feast Day is 9th February but due to other Parish events that day the Mass is brought forward. The 14th century Chapel is situated in La Grande Rue, St Saviour's, (Perry's Guide Ref: 13E5). Parking in the area is limited to the surrounding roads.

First Communion Parents Meeting

A meeting for all parents of First Communion candidates will take place on **Thursday 9th February beginning at 7pm** at St Mary & St Michael School.



Fundraising

In March this year 10,000 young Catholics from across the UK will be going to 'Flame', a Catholic youth event at Wembley Arena. This event is a follow-up to the Pope's visit. There will be several speakers, including Archbishop Vincent Nichols, and other activities. **Ten of our young people from 'Cygnet' will be going to this, and to help subsidise the cost of getting there we invite you, if you wish, to fill a jam-jar with your loose change. Jam-jars are available in the porches of all the churches. Thank You.**

Cygnet - the next Cygnet meeting is this **Thursday, February 9th from 7 - 9pm** in St Joseph's Youth Room. Dr Ray will be giving a talk about his work in Haiti. **Everyone in school years 9, 10 and 11 is welcome!**



The Parish Schola will be singing at the 10.30am Mass on the Second Sunday of each month, starting next Sunday, 12th February.

Christian Bookshop re-opening

The book shop, which was formerly at Les Cotils, has just recently opened at No 6, Albany, opposite the bus terminus in Town. It is currently open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Please call Carole on 722351/07911 725413 if you are able to volunteer cover.

Guernsey's General Election will take place on 18th April 2012. Registration forms and Freepost envelopes are available in our porches for those who still wish to register. **Closing date for registration is 29th February.**

Safeguarding Awareness Training

On behalf of Angela McGrory and the Local Safeguarding Reps we would like to thank you for giving up your time to attend the recent training course. Your participation was very much appreciated as is your ongoing support and contribution to all the Church activities.

For those who were unable to attend, a training course will take place at a later date.

Support for non-churchgoing Catholics

A Resource Day to support ministry and outreach to non-churchgoing Catholics will be offered at the Christian Education Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 6RP on 3rd March 2012 from 10.00 am to 4.30pm, with coffee served from 9.30 am.

The day is part of a national tour called "Crossing the Threshold" which is an initiative of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It has been organised in response to concerns repeatedly expressed by priests and parishioners about the large number of baptised who never or rarely attend Sunday Mass. Speakers include: Archbishop Peter Smith (Southwark) and Bishop Kieran Conry (Arundel and Brighton), among others. There is no charge to attend the day but pre-booking is requested.

See: <http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/Catholic-Church/Home-Mission/Non-Churchgoing-Catholics> Bookings can be made by ringing 0207 901 4918; Email: mission.volunteer@cbcew.org.uk