

THE YEAR OF SAINT MARK
EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM
14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

GETTING PAST WHAT WE THINK WE KNOW

8 July 2018 – Mass Book Page 103 - Psalter Week 2

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The Teacher has come home. He is met with astonishment in some and a desire to bring Him down a peg or two by others. If the astonished can follow their astonishment to its source, they will see that Jesus has His origins in God. Even if they 'know Him' at an ordinary level, this knowledge will not prevent them from seeing his nearness to God. They will welcome and walk with Him and they will see great deeds of power: healing, exorcisms and deeper truths. But for some, His words and His works cause His rejection. They know Him. They know His work. They know His family. They know He is overreaching Himself. They 'put Him in His place'. He is an ordinary bloke who should be doing ordinary things. He should be making tables, not speaking a new Wisdom, curing the sick and casting out demons. In their minds, his ordinariness undercuts and refutes the greatness they have heard about and now have seen for themselves. They cannot explain, or stomach Jesus Wisdom and Grace. His ministry might be big potatoes elsewhere, but in Nazareth it only causes offence. And so, His revelation, not received with faith, lacks the cooperation necessary for mighty deeds to be done.

One of Mark Twain's memorable lines was, "Familiarity breeds contempt and ... children." Familiarity happens when we get to know people a little better. We tell ourselves that we know them. We know how they look, how they talk, about their health, how old they are, what they like or don't like etc, etc. We might include knowledge of their work and how they like to chill out. We like to know where they have travelled, what successes they have achieved and what failures they have endured. We gather features of their personalities. Are they shy or outgoing. What are they passionate about etc? What happens next is that we tell ourselves we have them 'nailed down', or 'boxed in'. Either way they cannot move.



It isn't easy to hold what we think we know about other people lightly, especially when it is confirmed time and again by the things they say and do. That is why it is very good to be blessed by the experience of overhearing about the box other people have put us in. We will almost certainly be offended by what we hear and reject their categories. All they have done, we will tell ourselves, is lopped away everything about us that didn't fit into the box they made for us. We know that we are infinitely more than what they have nailed down!

And now we are presented with a challenge. Can it be true that we are always more than other people think but other people are exactly as we describe them? In Nazareth they will not let Jesus out of the box they have put Him in. But you can bet anything you like they think that they themselves are beyond boxes. The way to face this challenge is to stay aware of how comfortably we fit, if we fit at all, into the boxes others have made for us. We must realise that while we are busy analysing and predicting the behaviour of others, not too far away someone is doing the same to us. This creates space for the Golden Rule. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". The key word is 'do'. We start a new ball rolling. We grant the others a universe in which to unfold. This is the right and just thing to do. We can only hope that they do the same for us. When this happens we are always given the gift of surprise. We have to accept the fact that any box we make will be too small, or we have to reject the one who had the courage to break free.

I like to think that we all break the boxes other people put us in. They did not think we had it in us - but we did! But as a wise person once said, there are no enlightened people, only enlightened behaviours. They look at us as if we are strangers, while in reality we are just being ourselves. Familiarity has been overcome. Or to put it another way. When we love someone, we find that we have very little to say about them. It is the ones we do not love that we speak about mostly, and therein lies the key to our freedom. And to our silence!

## TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

|          |                  |         |      |                            |
|----------|------------------|---------|------|----------------------------|
| Saturday | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 6.00pm  | Mass | Parish Intentions          |
| Sunday   | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.30am  | Mass | John Begley, RIP           |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass | Roger Bernard Fegredo, RIP |
| Monday   | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | No Mass |      |                            |
| Tuesday  | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | Mass | Dorcas Innis-Grant         |

### ST BENEDICT, Founder, Patron of Europe

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|-----------|------------------|---------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Wednesday | 11 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | Mass       | Sick and Housebound of our Parish |
| Thursday  | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | Mass       | Thailand Cave Children & Rescuers |
| Friday    | 13 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Exposition |                                   |
|           |                  | 12.10pm | Mass       | Edith D'Souza, RIP                |
| Saturday  | 14 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am | Mass       | Tim and John Roberts, RIP         |

### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

|          |                  |         |      |                           |
|----------|------------------|---------|------|---------------------------|
| Saturday | 14 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Alice and Paddy Egan, RIP |
| Sunday   | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Parish Intentions         |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass | Kathleen Gallagher, RIP   |

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Tuesday to Thursday: 9.10am Morning Prayer;

Thursday: After Mass Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help, 10.15 am Mother's Prayers

Saturday: 9.30am Rosary, 1st Saturday of the month 9.30am Pro-Life Rosary.

Confessions: every Saturday at 10.45am or prior appointment.

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Monday – Friday 9.30am-2.30pm

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PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW, BRACKNELL

DID YOU KNOW...?



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Midday on Tuesdays, please email any items to stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

OPEN

PARISH OFFICE OPEN – The Parish Office is now open Monday to Friday 9.30am to 2.30pm.



MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING – On the last **Friday** of the month, Anointing of the Sick will be part of the 12.10pm Mass All are welcome, especially those sick or suffering in any way. If you would like a lift to this Mass, please contact the parish office.



SIGNING OF FORMS – If you have a form that needs the certification and signature of a Parish Priest, ie, school forms, etc., please place your form in an envelope marked “Parish Office, Form for Signature” with a note of your phone number and post through the letterbox of the Presbytery Door. We will call you for collection when the form is ready. You do not need to have an appointment with Fr Danny.

BEWARE: LIGHTING CANDLES – Adults must accompany all children at the candle trays when lighting candles. Please ensure your children do not play around the candle trays, in the sand or with the lighted candles. Care must be taken reaching across lighted candles wearing loose clothing, etc. It is important to remember that they can be the cause of major fires and serious injury.



BOOKING PARISH HALL AND PARISH ROOMS – If you wish to use the church hall or parish rooms bookings must be made with the Parish Office at least 6-8 weeks before requested date. Please note the regular events below before booking.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR – JULY: 11th St Benedict; 17th St. Bonaventure; 23rd St. Bridget of Sweden; 25th St. James; 26th Ss. Joachim and Anne; 31st St. Ignatius of Loyola.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – Every 2nd and 4th Mondays 7.45pm to 9.30pm in the Church Hall.

TODDLER GROUP – Every Tuesday 9.30am to 11.30am in the hall during term time.

KEEP FIT – Every Tuesday 2.00pm – 3.00pm in the hall.

PRAYER GROUPS—Hall Evening Group: 1st/3rd Tuesdays 7.45pm – 9.30pm. Day Group: 1st/3rd Wednesdays 10.30- 11.30am

CHOIR PRACTICE – Every Thursday, 7.30pm-8.30pm, in the Church, all welcome.

ALPHA – Every Thursday in the Hall, 7.30pm – 9.00pm from Thursday 7 June 2018 to Thursday 27 September 2018. No Alpha during August.

SOUP & ROLL – Every Friday after Mass during term time in the hall.

FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY - Every 3rd Saturday 2pm in the Hall.



MASS OFFERINGS: £1723.97. Peter's Pence £214.45 **THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY.**

Please make cheques payable to (full name) “PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph”. **Gift Aid envelopes and banker's/standing order forms available in the porch.**

SECOND OFFERING - 7th/8th July – Apostleship of the Sea

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We pray for those in our parish community who are sick, housebound or in hospital and for those who care for them.

Eileen Ing, Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Johanna Lenz, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, Lilijan Rodenburg, Robert Mulcahy, Eddie Moore, Peggy Pendergast, Ann Newton, Joyce Newland, Barbara Simpson, Bridie Maughan, Angelina Ediascanle, Josephine Timms, Una Gilligan, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Patricia Holmwood, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Blanche Shap, Mike Garnham, Ethna Sweeney, Mary Carpenter, Mary King, Mary Phelan, Mary Sol Faulkner, Tony Andrews, Derek Alexander, Margaret Clark, Shaun Howard, Sally Tarode, Babs White, Tess Johnson, Dorcas Innes-Grant, Veronika Jastrzebski, Doreen Gladwin, Manuela Maria Barros, Gerry Tobin, Rico Morales

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF: Nuala Eacott, RIP whose Requiem Mass will take place on **Tuesday 17 July 2018** at 11:15am at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



WE WELCOME INTO OUR COMMUNITY: Emilia Julia Beatrice Conte who will be baptised on **Saturday 7 July**. Olive Burden who will be baptised on **Sunday 8 July**. Please pray for Emilia and Olive and their families that they will be surrounded by God's love.



CAR PARK SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL – The 2018/2019 car park subscription forms are available in the porch for renewals and new subscriptions. Thank you to those who have submitted their form and renewal fee for **1 July 2018** until **30 June 2019**. Subscribers who have not renewed are no longer on the system. If you have a Disability Blue Badge the car park is free but a new subscription form must be completed and returned to the parish office in order to continue or start your membership. In accordance with new GDPR guidelines all 2017 subscription forms will be shredded.



Big Clearance Sale of Shop items begins on Sunday 8th July. Many items reduced. Come and grab yourself a bargain!



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – Will be held at St Francis of Assisi, Coronation Road, Ascot, SL5 9HG on Sunday 15 July 2018 at 2.30pm. All are welcome.



TEA & COFFEE TEAM - Volunteers are needed for Saturday evening Fairtrade teas and coffees after 6.00pm Mass. Our current volunteer rota is once a month. If we had one or two more volunteers the rota would be every 5 or 6 weeks. It's a great opportunity to get to know others in the parish. If you are interested, please have a chat to one of the volunteers in the hall after Mass to find out more or contact the parish office.



SAVE THE DATE! Sunday 22 July 2018. Including a Barbeque and Magic Show! More details to follow. If you'd like to help in any way, contact Edmund on e.a.carroll@hotmail.co.uk



CONFIRMATION JOURNEY - In Baptism, we are all given to God. In Confirmation we begin His work. Are you ready? If you are in Year 9 or above and are interested in joining the Confirmation Journey, please register via the parish website: www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/confirmation2019.html

Pilgrimage



PILGRIMAGE to Our Lady's Shrine, Banneux, Belgium, for the 85th Anniversary of the Apparitions and Feast of the Assumption, **11-16 August 2018**. A coach will leave from St. Edmund Campion Church, Maidenhead. Accommodation and full board (including travel): staying at the Hotel Halleux is £435 and staying at the Hospitalité is £320. The Hospitalité is for pilgrims who are sick, disable or elderly. If you are interested and you would like

more information or to reserve a place, please contact Father Liam, priest at St. Edmund Campion Church. His phone number is: 07776580596 or email him on lcummins@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



Share the Journey
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CAFOD - This year, the Holy Father urges us to reach out to our brothers and sisters who are forced to flee their homes. This new campaign is called **Share the Journey**. You can **Share the Journey** by joining a walk. This is not just any walk, this is a walk around the world. Schools, parishes, and local communities across England and Wales will be walking to show solidarity with people on the move. Together, we are aiming for 24,900 miles – the distance around the whole world. **CAFOD** will use this shared journey to deliver a powerful message to world leaders, who meet in September 2018 to agree two global agreements on refugees and migration. For more information on organizing your own parish walk or to find out about a walk in your area please contact Jo Lewry portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 01252 329385.

SOUTH BERKSHIRE PASTORAL AREA



Co-ordinating Pastor: Fr Danny McAvoy, St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church, Bracknell, 01344 425729;
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