

THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE
THE YEAR OF THE RELENTLESS WIDOW
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

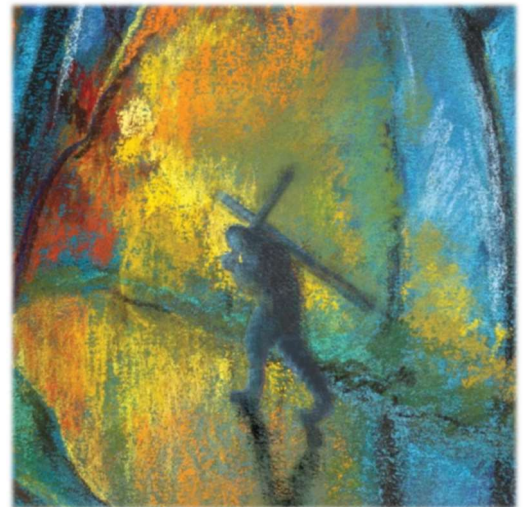
HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

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PARISH PRAYER FOR EVANGELISATION: Heavenly Father, we thank you for gathering us together and calling us to serve as your disciples. You have given us, through your Son Jesus, the mission of evangelising and witnessing your love to the world. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we discern your will for the spiritual renewal of our parish. Give us strength, courage and clear vision as we use our gifts to serve you. We entrust our parish family to the care of St. Joseph, St. Margaret Clitherow, with Mary our Mother. We ask for their intercession and guidance as we strive to bear witness to the Gospel. Amen.



An attractive Jesus turns round and sees many would be followers. He speaks to them with a directness and clarity which does not allow for any misunderstanding. If they want to follow Him, they have to come to Him. This physical movement expresses a choice. If they found their identity or safety in the family to which they belong, they must let it go. If their love of their own life was the 'value' which guided their decisions and actions, they must let that go as well. Jesus has to be the centre of their lives and there is no room for competing loyalties.



With Jesus at the centre, the cross will be their way. The cross is the symbol of leading a non-violent and peaceful life in a world filled with violence. Following Jesus is not a way to avoid the risks of Peace. Every step His disciples take will land on a snake or a scorpion (Luke 10:19). Every step His disciples take must lead them to the places where the Kingdom of God cannot be found so that they might bring its grace. To follow Jesus is to use Him as a rock to stand on while they put their shoulders to the wheel of the world. When the world refuses to budge, His disciples will feel that refusal in their bodies. As St. Peter came to realise, "When He was abused, He did not return abuse; when He suffered, He did not threaten; but He entrusted Himself to the One who judges justly. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for justice; by His wounds you have been healed". (1 Peter 2:23-24). To carry the cross is to commit ourselves to the healing of the world in the most radical way.


This is why following Jesus should not be mindless. Every would-be disciple must consider the cost. It is like building a tower or constructing a connection between earth and heaven. What will it take to complete the task? It is like taking on a large force with a small force; engaging in a battle even though we are overmatched. How will we win? If you cannot see it through His eyes, and if you are not certain that He is the winner, it is better not to begin. A decision has to be made with all the practiced wisdom of a builder and a battle-hardened king.

In his book, 'Reading Mark, Engaging the Gospel', David Rhoads tells this modern Parable.

In the late 1980's a volunteer approached a leader of the Sanctuary Movement in the USA which served refugees from Central America, and they asked to join the work of the movement. The leader said to them, "Before you say whether you really wish to join us, let me pose some questions: Are you ready to have your telephone tapped by the government? Are you prepared to have your neighbours shun you? Are you strong enough to have your children ridiculed and harassed at school? Are you ready to be arrested and tried with full media coverage? If you are not prepared for these things, you may not be ready to join the movement. For when push comes to shove, if you fear these things, you will not be ready to do what needs to be done for the refugees". [Minneapolis:Fortress Press,2004]53)

To sum up. Jesus invites His would-be followers to a genuine assessment of the cost of discipleship. Anything which competes with our communion with Jesus and our co-operation in His mission must be let go. At one level, this is about not being possessed by our possessions. But at a deeper level it is about choosing to be bringers of Peace in a world which is dominated by violence. The Peace of Christ is a house built on Rock which allows disciples to hear the Word and put it into action. Disciples are sent to transfigure and transform a broken world. And Jesus, the Beloved Son of God, is walking towards Jerusalem. Once we have considered the cost, and choose to walk with Him, a 'normal' life begins to lose its attraction.

DID YOU KNOW...?

 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Midday on Tuesdays**, please email the item text you need to make known to the parish via the newsletter to stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



PASTORAL CARE/BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT CONTACT MOBILE NUMBER - Our Pastoral Care team and Bereavement Support Group, offers support and home visits to the sick, the housebound, the lonely and the bereaved. We will visit you at home with Holy Communion if required. If you, a relative or friend who lives in our parish would like a home visit or to meet for a chat please email pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org or phone 07394 440 938 (Pastoral Care) or 07376 790 256 (Bereavement Support).



THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (the SVP) - Provides practical help and support whenever possible for those who need it. Are you lonely? Are you in need of help of any kind? or do you know someone who is? If so, contact the SVP on 07731862349 to arrange a visit. All calls are completely confidential.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR – SEPTEMBER: 9th St Peter Claver; 12th The Most Holy Name of Mary; 13th St John Chrysostom; 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross; 16th Ss Cornelius & Cyprian; 17th St Hildegard of Bingen; 19th St Januarius; St Theodore of Canterbury; 20th St Andrew Kim Taegon & St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions; 21st St Matthew; 23rd St Pio of Pietrelcina; 24th Our Lady of Walsingham; 26th Ss Cosmas & Damian; 27th St Vincent de Paul, 28th St Wenceslaus; St Laurence Ruiz & Companions; 30th St Jerome.

MASS OFFERINGS: £2053.22

SECOND OFFERINGS FOR SEPTEMBER: 14th /15th Home Missions

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY

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SO VERY MUCH

Please make cheques payable to (full name) **"PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph"**. **Gift Aid** envelopes and **Banker's/Standing Order** forms available in the porch, please complete and return all forms to the parish office.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – 2nd & 4th Mondays 7.45pm-9:30pm. Please contact the parish office for venue details.

BABY & TODDLER GROUP – Tuesdays 9:30am-11:30am during term time in the hall.

KEEP FIT – Tuesdays 2pm in the hall.

PRAYER GROUPS – Hall Evening : 1st/3rd Tuesdays 7.45pm to 9.30pm. Day: 1st/3rd Wednesdays 10.30- 11.30am
Cancelled for "Requiem Mass" and "No Mass"

CHOIR PRACTICE – Thursdays 7:30pm-8:30pm in the church. All are welcome.

MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING: Every last Friday in the month at 12.10pm Mass, refreshments after Mass in the hall.
Car park reserved for persons with limited mobility.
Cancelled for "Requiem Mass" and "No Mass"

TEAS & COFFEES – After all weekend Masses

OFS – Saturday 21 September 2019 at 2pm-4pm in the hall.



BERKSHIRE CREDIT UNION CONTACT POINTS AND DATES: Come along and have a chat with a trained volunteer at one of the locations points:

Mondays 10am – 12pm: St Paul's Church, The Square, Ralphs Ride, RG12 9LP **AND** St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1BE

Tuesdays 10am – 12pm: St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1BE

Wednesdays 2.15pm: 4.15pm: Crown Wood School, Opladen Way, Bracknell RG12 0PE

Thursdays 10am – 12pm: Holy Trinity Church, The Langley Hall, The Ring, Bracknell RG12 1HD **AND 1.30pm – 3.30pm Walk-In Café, Gt Hollands Square.**

Fridays 10am – 12pm: St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, RG12 1BE

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SOUTH BERKSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

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

Fr Kevin Bidgood, St Francis of Assisi, Ascot, SL5 9HG Tel: 01344 620591

Fr Marcus Brisley Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst, GU47 9BS and Holy Ghost, Crowthorne, RG45 6JG, Tel: 01252 876820

Fr David O'Sullivan, Corpus Christi, Wokingham, RG40 2HE Tel: 0118 9780348

DIOCESE INSTRUCTIONS: LIGHTING CANDLES – Adults must accompany all children at the candle trays when lighting candles. Keep candles apart as they can easily collapse and ignite each other. Particular attention to placing candles in the sand at least three inches from edge of tray, these candles no closer than 3 inches to each other.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY WHO ARE SICK, HOUSEBOUND OR IN HOSPITAL AND FOR THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM.

Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, Robert Mulcahy, Eddie Moore, Peggy Pendergast, Ann Newton, Joyce Newland, Bridie Maughan, Angelina Ediale, Josephine Timms, Una Gilligan, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Patricia Holmwood, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Blanche Shap, Mike Garnham, Ethna Sweeney, Mary King, Mary Phelan, Mary Sol Faulkner, Tony Andrews, Derek Alexander, Margaret Clark, Shaun Howard, Sally Tarode, Dorcas Innes-Grant, Veronika Jastrzebski, Doreen Gladwin, Manuela Maria Barros, Jerry Tobin, Rico Morales, Reynalita Leysan, Marie Hughes, Jenny Bashford, Phyllis D'Souza, Marie Fielding, Donal Hanley, Jacqui Rawstron, Jim and Francis McEvoy, Mary Murray, Thelma Briggs, Margaret Pearce, Brenda Hook, Simon Brennan, Audrey Lam, Pam Savage, Marie Swash, Pauline McShane.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



VOCATIONS WEEKEND - Please welcome **Fr John Cooke** who will be concelebrating with Fr Danny at all Masses this weekend. He will be sharing a Homily on vocations, also requesting parishioners to pray for vocations, join the vocation prayer network and the rosary prayer chain.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

HANNAH MARY SOANE, RIP whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church on Friday 13 September 2019 at 1:30pm. Please pray for Hannah and all her family.

JUSTIN PETER GRATTAN, RIP whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church on Friday 20 September 2019 at 12 noon. Please pray for Justin and all his family.

MARY CARPENTER, RIP who died on Thursday. Details of Mary's funeral will be announced as soon as known. Please pray for Mary and all her family.

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

CAR PARK – FUNERAL GATE: We politely ask you not to park in the spaces at the town centre side of the car park after 12noon the day before a Requiem Mass at the Church, the rest of the car park is available. This is to enable the funeral gate to be closed to secure the area for the hearse and family mourners' car to turn and park at the church for the Requiem Mass. Thank you.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION JOURNEY - We are holding two Introductory Meetings for parents after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 21 September and after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 22 September. Please indicate which meeting you are planning to attend by registering at www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/fhc



“COME AND SEE” EVENING – Thursday 3 October 2019 from 7:30pm-9pm in the hall

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of seeking out, encouraging and walking with those who want to learn more about the Catholic Faith. It is a journey of faith that we walk together. The “we” includes the members of the RCIA Team and any enquirers as well as our whole parish community who also play a key role in this: through simple acts of love and witness we can all bring people to the Church; through prayer we can offer support; and through a willingness to respond we can become sponsors and godparents. And so...if you want to learn more about the Catholic faith, or know someone who does, Come and See!



SCHOOL ADMISSION FORMS – Please bring any forms to the Sacristy after the Mass you attend at the weekend or weekday. You must be present in front of Fr Danny for the form to be signed. Please complete your form(s) with HONESTY. Forms posted through the letterbox or just left in the Sacristy will not be signed until you are present in front of Fr Danny.



IGNITE! ABLAZE! YOUTH GROUPS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

IGNITE! (age 10-12) - Next meeting - **Friday, 13th September** in the Church Hall, 7pm - 9pm.

New to either of our youth groups? Want to make some new friends and have some fun? Get yourself registered on our Parish website and come along. We'll look forward to welcoming you! For further information, please contact youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org

POST CONFIRMATION RETREAT - SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2019

Under 18 and already Confirmed? Then our Post Confirmation Retreat Day on **Saturday 28 September** is especially for **YOU!** Sign up ASAP! For further details contact youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org

A NOTE FROM NEW PARISHIONER AND CHOIR MEMBER SARAH BRYAN - I moved to Bracknell just over a month ago with my husband, Matt and guide dog, Jenni. Firstly, huge thanks to everyone for making us so welcome. This seems to be a lovely community. I just want to make a couple of requests regarding Jenni please. I realise that she is irresistibly gorgeous to those of you who like dogs and naturally generates curiosity, especially among children. She is indeed very gentle and affectionate. However, she is a working dog, not a pet, so please could I ask you not to talk to or stroke her without checking with me first? As you can probably imagine, guide dogs have celebrity status, which attracts a constant stream of dog-related conversation and questions when I am out, which I can sometimes find a bit overwhelming. I therefore enjoy a bit of peace and quiet at church and would therefore also ask you to please keep any questions you may have for times when I can give you my full attention. When we are moving around or are obviously busy doing something, like sorting out braille books before Mass, or generally getting settled, please respect our need for space to focus. A good time to come and ask for a cuddle with Jenni is when we are quietly seated, after Mass or during coffee, when you have finished your cake/biscuits. Jenni has the usual hungry tendencies of a Labrador, but our food isn't good for her, so we don't mix food and cuddles. Thanks everyone for your cooperation. I look forward to meeting more of you.



DAYS OF REFLECTION - Places still available for the Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word at Douai Abbey on **Saturday 5th October 2019**, 9:45am to 4pm. Please register online via the Parish website. Deadline Wednesday 18 September 2019

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING IN THE DIOCESE To book call 023 92 836511/ 023 92 816396 or email soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CHILD PROTECTION AWARENESS

Saturday 21st September 10.00am – 12.30pm St Edward the Confessor, 191 Winchester Road, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU (Maureen Wiltshire)

Saturday 28th September 10.00am – 12.30pm St William of York, Upper Redlands Road, Reading RG1 5JT (Maureen Wiltshire)

VULNERABLE ADULT AWARENESS

Saturday 14th September 1.30pm – 4.00pm St Peter & the Winchester Martyrs, Pastoral Centre Jewry Street, Winchester SO23 8RY (Val Croughan)

Saturday 28th September 1.30pm – 4.00pm St William of York, Upper Redlands Road, Reading RG1 5JT (Maureen Wiltshire)

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

Saturday	7 th	6.00pm	Mass	Remigio Fernandes, RIP
Sunday	8 th	8.30am	Mass	Private Intention
		10.30am	Mass	Michael Devlin
Monday	9 th	No Mass		
Tuesday	10 th	No Mass		
Wednesday	11 th	9.15am	Mass at St. Joseph's School	

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

Thursday	12 th	9.30am	Mass
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ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Friday	13 th	11am	Exposition
		1:30pm	Requiem Mass for Hannah Mary Soane, RIP

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Saturday	14 th	10.00am	Mass
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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

Saturday	14 th	6.00pm	Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	15 th	8.30am	Mass	
		10.30am	Mass	



Wednesday & Thursday: 9.10am Morning Prayer

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

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

Confessions: Every Saturday at 10.45am or prior appointment

THESE WILL BE CANCELLED FOR "REQUIEM MASS AND "NO MASS"

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