

THE YEAR OF MATTHEW
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN
TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

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This week's Parable (Matt:21: 33-46) targets those who like to have power over others. Those who do, open themselves to many temptations. One can quickly switch from being a guardian to becoming an owner, from being a humble servant to being a person who likes to make their authority hurt. Removed from the world of ordinary people, they believe they are above criticism. They silence anyone who calls them to account for their behaviour. They reject anyone who reminds them that only God has authority, and laugh at the idea that they will be judged for their cruelty.

Our Parable tells us that God has already done all the hard work. Couldn't have done more as far as Isaiah (5,4) was concerned. The problem is with the tenants. Instead of producing the new wine, they waste their energy on violence. A violence which escalates each time they think they have got away with it. Believing they can still be persuaded, God sends His Beloved Son.



But instead of seizing this as an opportunity for repentance, their true nature is unwittingly revealed. They want it all for themselves. In reality, they have no love for God in them. They do not want communion but exclusion, and the only way to get that is to obliterate the Beloved Son of God. They avoid with a passion the very thing that could save them! It was a high risk strategy that cost them everything. It always does in these cases.

Wanting it all is not a sensible desire. Neither is the desire to have power over others or seek to injure them. But we know it goes on all the time, globally, nationally, locally, in our families and even in our parish community. It is a greedy sin which is born out of imagining that we own God and can do what we like with His gifts to us. Sadly, and usually too late, people like this find that God has moved elsewhere. When people find they are having problems with prayer, it's usually because there is some dark sin in their hearts, something that needs to lean more towards compassion in their lives.

Here is another mini Parable on this theme:

The water of life, wishing to make itself known on the face of the earth bubbled up in an artesian well and flowed without effort or limit. People and animals came to drink of this refreshing water, and were nourished by it, since it was so clean and pure and invigorating. But some humans were not content to leave things in this idyllic state. Gradually they began to build fences around the well, charge admission, claim ownership of the land around it, make elaborate laws as to who could come to the well and who couldn't, and put locks on the gates. Soon the well was the property of a powerful elite.

The water became angry and offended. It stopped flowing and began to bubble up in another place. The people who owned the property around the first well were so engrossed in their power systems and ownership that they didn't notice that the water had vanished. So they continued selling the nonexistent water and few people noticed that the power was gone. But some searched with great courage and longing and found the new artesian well. Soon that well was under the control of the elite and the same fate overtook it. The spring took itself to another place and will always do so till the end of time.

We are co-workers in Gods vineyard. When we start wanting it all, we inherit nothing.

DID YOU KNOW...?



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – NEW DEADLINE: Midday on Tuesdays, please email your newsletter item(s) to the parish office stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.



World Day
of the Poor

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR - At the end of the Year of Mercy in November last year, Pope Francis in his message *Misericordia et Misera* instituted a 'World Day of the Poor' to be marked on the 33th Sunday in Ordinary Time, which this year is **Sunday 19 November 2017**. The Holy Father urges that parishes and other Christian communities "make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance" with the poor.



OPEN MORNINGS - St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Primary School are holding **Open Mornings** on the following dates for any prospective parents who would like to have a tour of the school:-

Thursday 7th December - 10.30am to 12.00pm
Tuesday 9th January - 10.30am to 12.00pm

To book please call the school on 01344 424030 to book your space. For more information about the school please visit their website <http://stmargaretclitherowbracknell.co.uk/>



First aid

ARE YOU A FIRST AIDER AT WORK? – First Aiders needed for each weekend Mass, if you wish to volunteer for the Mass you attend, please contact the Parish Office with all your details.



ARE YOU A FIRE MARSHALL AT WORK? –

Fire Marshalls needed for each of the weekend Mass. If you wish to volunteer for the Mass you attend, please contact the Parish Office with all your details.

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 when 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.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR - OCTOBER – 2nd The Holy Guardian Angels; 4th St Francis of Assisi; 7th Our Lady of the Rosary; 17th St Ignatius of Antioch, 18th St Luke; 28th Ss Simon & Jude

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – Monday 23 October at 22 Pondmoor. Meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. All are welcome.

KEEP FIT CLUB – Every Tuesday 2pm-3pm in the Hall.

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

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

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

YOUTH GROUP – Closed until further notice.



MASS OFFERINGS – THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY.

Please make cheques payable to "PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph". **Gift Aid envelopes and bankers/standing order forms available in the porch.**

SECOND OFFERINGS FOR OCTOBER: 22nd Foreign Missions

We pray for the Sick and Housebound of our Community and for those who care for them.

Sick and Housebound:

Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Adrian Sweeney, Johanna Lenz, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, Jadwiga Butcher, Lilijan Rodenburg, Josephine & Maurice Timms, Robert Mulcahy, Robbie McDonald, Eddie Moore.

Those who are unwell or in hospital:

Una Gilligan, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Patricia Holmwood, Fr Vincent Convery, Peggy Pendergast, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Ann Newton, Bridie Maughan, Nicholas Powell, Kathleen Brosnan, Blanche Shap, Emma Flavelle, Mike Garnham, Ethna Sweeney, Mary Carpenter, Mary King, Anna Tighe, Win McDermott, Angelina Ediale, Mary Phelan, Mary Sol Faulkner

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY – Baby Faith Alessia De Mel who is being baptised on **Sunday 8 October 2017** at 12 noon at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church. Please pray for Faith and her parents Fabrizio and Dilusha.



TALKS ON SOCIAL AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES – We had a very positive response to the synopsis of the talks at last weekend's Masses.

All Talks are from **7pm to 9pm** in the church hall:

UNDERSTANDING TALKING THERAPIES COUNSELLING
Thursday 12 October

ADDICTION : Yendall Manor Treatment Centre
Thursday 19 October

SUPPORTING THE HOMELESS : Shelter
Wednesday 25 October

Please attend as many or as few of the talks as you wish, just turn up on the night, especially informative for Nightshelter volunteers.



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS –

The Life in the Spirit Seminars will be every Tuesday evening from **26 September** until

7 November 2017 8.00pm to 9.30pm in the church hall.

PRAISE – TALK – DISCUSSION

10th October – New Life

17th October – Receiving the Gift

24th October – Inviting Him into our Lives

31st October – Growth

7th November – Transformation in Christ

If you wish to attend but need transport, or can offer transport to someone wishing to attend please contact the parish office on 01344 425729 or email stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



CLOTHESBANK – ClothesBank

Giveaway, held every quarter in our Church Hall and coordinated by St Mark's Church Binfield, will be 10.15am - 1pm on **Wednesday 11 October 2017**. The ClothesBank need donations of good quality used clothes for children of all ages and trainers, especially sizes 10 – 2. Some clothes cannot be passed on though, eg, pyjamas, underwear and socks, etc, need to be new. Please contribute new packs of children's socks or underwear would be appreciated. Please leave your donations in the ClothesBank container in the porch weekend **7th/8th October**. Help will be needed on **Monday 9th October** at St Marks sorting out the clothing and from 9am-1pm in our Church Hall on **11th October**. If you feel able to help or interested in knowing more about the ClothesBank, please contact the Parish Office or contact Gisele at St Mark's Binfield.



FACING DEPRESSION TOGETHER AWARENESS DAY - Learn about depression and how to support those living with depression on

Saturday 14 October 2017, 10am – 3.30pm, at The Holiday Inn, Egerton Road, Guildford. Lunch

is provided. Booking essential: admin@peertalk.org.uk or follow this link: www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/events



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spreading the Truth of the Church to the world.

If you'd like to join us or want to find out more, please contact John: johnrodger1@me.com or follow this link: <http://streetevangelization.com/>



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET - The October

Chaplet will be on **Sunday 15 October** at St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church at 2.30pm. All welcome



OCTOBER – THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Abortion Act. During October, please make time to say a decade of The Rosary each day to pray for an end to abortion. **Queen of the Most Holy Rosary - pray for us.**

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: Saturday 18th November 2017, Refresher Training – 10.00am – 12.30pm; The Holy Trinity, Bowenhurst Road, Church Crookham, GU51 3ST (Trainer – Sue Smy). For reservations please contact Soraya Ciccarone, PA to Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator & Diocesan Financial Secretary, tel: (Direct Dial) 023 92 836511/023 92 816396/023 92 825430 soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



FRUITFUL DISCIPLESHIP IN OUR DIOCESE - At Winchester Parish Centre,

Saturday 18th November 2017 9.30am – 5pm. This is for everyone in the diocese who would like to know and serve the Lord more deeply, and move towards being an active disciple. Being with each other in community, both in the parish and diocese, helps us greatly on this journey. Bishop Philip will be hosting the day and giving a talk at the beginning and the end. There will be talks by Katherine Coolidge (global head of Called and Gifted)

on Fruitful Discipleship and developing a personal relationship with the Lord. We will have a number of testimonies from parishioners and from parishes around the diocese and we will hear from a number of active groups and teams who are doing wonderful work in serving others.



KERYGMA RETREAT –

At Winchester Parish Centre,
Sunday 19th November 2017

12noon- 6pm. This is a day that allows you to see, hear and respond to the story that Pope Francis reminds us we must hear and respond to “over and over” – the kerygma, the Great Story of Jesus. This is a reflective day, utilising the spoken word, art, quiet reflection and discussion. A fantastic chance to spend Sunday, the day of rest, with the Lord in a deep way.



TRAINING ON SHARING OUR FAITH WITH OTHERS IN OUR EVERYDAY LIFE AND THROUGH THE PARISH

At St. Bede's Basingstoke, **Monday 20th November 2017** 9.30am – 5pm. This for those who would like training in how to have conversations with those not yet active Catholics. Help you share your own story and Jesus's story with others, ie, family, friends, workplace, people who come to the parish. The training doesn't expect you to have any particular background, but be a person who wants to share your faith with others. This day will also talk about how to run the Kerygma Retreat in your parish.

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday	7 th	6.00pm	Mass	Ashley and Errol Flynn, RIP
Sunday	8 th	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Rita Robinson
Monday	9 th	No Mass		
Tuesday	10 th	9.30am	Communion Service	
Wednesday	11 th	9.30am	Mass	Francis and Bridget Robinson
Thursday	12 th	9.30am	Mass	Matthew Wallace, RIP
Friday	13 th	11.00am	Exposition	
		12.10pm	Mass	Serafina Delmundo – Birthday Thanksgiving
Saturday	14 th	10.00am	Mass	Jurgens Family – Living and Dead (Foundation)

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Saturday	14 th	6.00pm	Mass	Eddie McGrath, RIP
Sunday	15 th	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	John King, 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 9.30am Pro-Life Rosary. **Confessions** every Saturday at 10.45am or by prior appointment.

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**Parish Priest:** Fr Daniel McAvoy

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