

THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE
THE YEAR OF THE RELENTLESS WIDOW

ACTING NOW TO PROTECT THE FUTURE

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

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We like to think that God takes up residence in the houses that we build for this purpose. We think we can squeeze the Eternal into these little boxes. It doesn't matter what we call them - Temples, Synagogues, Mosques, Churches, Centres - they are all subject to wear and tear and human plunder. Even so, we imagine that some of that Divine Eternity will rub off on what our hands have made. Jesus, the Beloved Son of God, calmly states that this is not the case.

The Destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem will be total. There will be no ruin or empty shell for tourists to visit. Every stone will sit at ground level. If this building is a symbol of a connection to Heaven, that connection has been broken. All arrangements and rituals no longer in play.

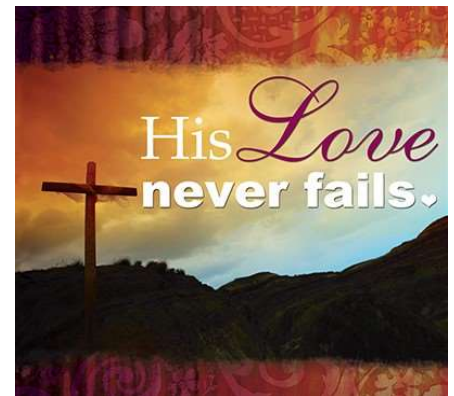
As Jesus speaks, His hearers are keen to know times and dates. Will there be a warning that is it about to happen? The more they know, the better they can prepare for the end. But the answer that Jesus gives is unnerving. Things with God have become strained. A community created to be passionately dedicated to Love and Justice have sold out and have violated the Covenant. They give lip service to Gods commands but their hearts are elsewhere. They have locked God up safely in the 'Holiest' part of the Temple and have isolated themselves from each other. God, who is mercy and forgiveness, has sent Prophets to restore faithfulness. But these have been rejected and killed. Against their lack of Compassion, how long will Gods patience last?

As Disciples of the Kingdom, we position the life, death and resurrection of Jesus within this tension. In a last attempt at reconciliation, God sends the Beloved. But the killers continue to push their own agenda. And even though God vindicated the message (the Gospel) and the messenger (Jesus) in the Resurrection, His death really does signal the end of Gods patience. The social orders that destroyed the Beloved will themselves be destroyed.


Out of this destruction, a new community will arise. A community who will follow Jesus and take to their hearts the patterns of his living and dying and rising again. As they move across the earth bringing transformation, Jesus will always be with them. And so He advises His faithful disciples not to over react to circumstance; not to get hung up on signs or sucked into panic. Why? Because the end, when it comes, it will be unmistakable. They will see social and cosmic upheaval as the heavens mirror the events on the earth. This will happen because people did not seize the chance when it was offered on a plate. The worlds efforts to destroy God and those created in Gods image, will bring about the end of the world. Disciples must continue the pattern of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. If they did it to Him, you can be sure they will arrest, put on trial, betray and execute His disciples. This will be their opportunity to witness to the greatness of God, because God will give them the Gift of Wisdom which the enemies of the Kingdom will not be able to contradict. The Passion of Jesus is never over; it continues in those who walk with Him.

They choose to walk with Jesus because Wisdom has taught teach them that Resurrection is the deeper and more abiding truth. Not one hair of their heads will be lost. In the face of persecution, disciples must pray for the courage to endure; that this courage will take up residency in their hearts and souls. To these disciples Jesus speaks. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the Prophets". (Lk 6:22-23)

I sometimes wonder about these apocalyptic sayings of the Jesus in Luke's Gospel. I sense that Jesus is preparing us to understand the meaning of the suffering we face for the sake of the coming of Gods Kingdom. As we move to save and transform the world, to enfold it in life instead of death, we often enter the violent night of a way of living that is coming to an end. As we labour towards a new dawn, as we work together to bring a new and better world to birth, we must cling to the love that does not fail and which holds us in safety. The demands and the rewards of being a disciple are crystal clear and there is no one more experienced or better qualified to teach us this than the Beloved Son of the Most High.



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 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.

PARISH REGISTER – Have you registered you and/or your family on the parish register yet? If not, please go to the website www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org drop down “Parish Life” and click on “Parish Registration”, this is a secure database and very important for our parish and parishioners especially when applying for any of the Sacraments.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR – November: 18th Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul, Rome; 21st The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 22nd St Cecilia; 30th St Andrew



Thank You!!!

MASS OFFERINGS: £1780.94

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY

PARISH FINANCE UPDATE. The Parish Financial Year finished at the end of August. Our expenditure for the year was **£172,791** and the income was **£169,884** giving a deficit of **£2,907** overall. As you can see, although we are still running at a loss, we have done better this year. A more detailed update will be provided in due course. Please increase your offering if you can.

CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK – Please see poster and cards in the porch for information on leaving a legacy in your Will to support the Church's ministry and mission for future generations.

Please make cheques payable to (full name) **“PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph”**. **“General Gift Aid”** envelopes and **Banker's/Standing Order** forms available in the porch, please complete and return all forms and general Gift Aid envelopes to the parish office. Registered Charity No. 246871 (Diocese of Portsmouth)

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”

RCIA – Thursdays 7:30pm-9pm in the hall.

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 Masse



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

Visit Berkshire Credit Union at <https://www.cslberks.org.uk>



SOUTH BERKSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

Co-ordinating Pastor: Fr Danny McAvoy, St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, Bracknell, RG12 1BE 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 Simon Thomson, Corpus Christi, Wokingham, RG40 2HE Tel: 0118 9780348

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, Eddie Moore, Peggy Pendergast, Ann Newton, Joyce Newland, Bridie Maughan, Angelina Ediale, Josephine Timms, 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 Torode, Dorcas Innes-Grant, Veronika Jastrzebski, Doreen Gladwin, Manuela Maria Barros, Jerry Tobin, Rico Morales, Reynalita Leysan, Marie Hughes, Jenny Bashford, Phyllis D'Souza, Donal Hanley, Jacque Rawstron, Jim and Francis McEvoy, Mary Murray, Thelma Briggs, Margaret Pearce, Brenda Hook, Simon Brennan, Audrey Lam, Pam Savage, Pauline McShane, Marie Swash, Terri Landmann, Jennie Tucker, Vilma Taborda, Zac Hoy

If you would like to add a name to this list with consent, or if you want a name removed, please contact the Parish Office.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If interested, please contact the Parish Office.

TEAS & COFFEES AFTER SUNDAY 10.30am MASS - Are desperate for volunteers to help set up and serve, if we don't have enough volunteers then this very special Ministry will be in jeopardy of closing.

BABY & TODDLER GROUP - Are looking for more help, a few hours each Tuesday morning full or part-time. This might suit someone who doesn't have young children.

FRIDAY SOUP & ROLL: Thank you to those who have volunteered to set up and serve soup, roll, tea and cake in the hall after 12.10pm Friday Mass. This will begin fortnightly during November - December (term time only) from **Friday 15 November**. We still need more volunteers to make soup or bake cakes. This requires a level 2 food hygiene certificate easily completed online all funded by the parish. Please contact the parish office, email pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org or phone 07394 440 938 (Pastoral Care).



COME AND BROWSE the BEAUTIFUL RANGE of ADVENT CALENDARS, CHRISTMAS CARDS, and 'WALK WITH ME' Advent journey booklets, now available to purchase in the shop along with 2020 CHURCH ART CALENDARS and DIARIES.



WORLD DAY OF THE POOR - 'The hope of the poor shall not perish for ever'. World Day of the Poor, **Sunday 17 November** from 1pm to 5:30pm, Caritas Portsmouth is holding an afternoon in **St. Peters, Winchester** where all come together to share experiences and encourage new ideas around poverty. This includes a short play by "Staging Faith" on the life of St. Vincent De Paul, some personal testimonies of those who have had life on the margins. An opportunity to network with others to see what we can practically do to help those in need around us. Come along and let this event be the place where we begin to open our church doors to those in need and be a voice of the voiceless. For further information contact Kevin Gallagher from Caritas at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 07388994057



BRACKNELL CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT - Presents "AUTUMN GLORIA" which features a wide range of choral music on **Saturday 23 November 2019** at 7.30pm. Tickets £18, accompanied under 18's free, tickets from website www.bracknellchoral.org.uk The concert is in St Joseph's Church, interval

refreshments in the hall. See porch noticeboard poster for more information.

NO 6.00PM MASS ON SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2019



THAMES VOYCES CONCERT - **Saturday 14 December 2019 at 7.30pm** all are invited to 'Sing Lullaby'. A family concert of Festive Favourites and variety of Christmas music in St Joseph's Church. Relax, listen or join in to

new songs and some well loved carols. Interval refreshments in the hall. Tickets on the door: £12/£10 adult/concessions. Children free. For further details see website www.thamesvoyces.org.uk or call 0118 9677319.

YOUTH GROUPS - DATES FOR THE DIARY

YOUTH SUNDAY 24th NOV - CAKE SALE - after all Masses

To mark national Youth Sunday next week, we are hoping to raise a few funds for our Parish Youth Ministry. Please come ready to buy a couple of cakes after Mass! We would also be very grateful of any homemade or shop bought cake donations to sell on the day. Thank you.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **Youth Sunday Weekend 23rd/24th November** - The Diocesan Youth Mission Team are running a number of events for our young people aged 14-17 and also our young adults 18-35, to help celebrate this year's national Youth Sunday. Look out for the flyers at the back of the church. To register your interest and for further information please contact youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org
- **Youth Alpha Training**- Young Leaders Assemble! 29th November 7pm- 9pm - Church Hall - This is for anyone who has already completed the Youth Alpha course and would like to help out at the next one, starting in the New Year!
- **Joint Youth Social Event Friday 6th December** - join us for some bowling fun at the Hollywood Bowl. Please return your consent forms ASAP.

New to either of our youth groups? Want to make some new friends and have some fun?

Register on our Parish website and just come along. We look forward to welcoming you!

For further information, please contact youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING TAKING PLACE IN OUR PARISH HALL

Child & Vulnerable Adult Awareness REFRESHER Training
Saturday 30th November 10am-12:30pm

Child Protection Awareness Training
Saturday 30th November 1pm-4pm

Vulnerable Adults Awareness Training
Saturday 7th December - 10am-12:30pm

To book a place on the training here in our parish, please email safeguarding@bracknellcatholicchurch.org

If you have previously attended full training for child and or vulnerable adult awareness, you only need attend the REFRESHER training. If you are new to a parish volunteering role with children, you will need to attend the **Child Protection** training.

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday	16 th	6.00pm	Mass	Ann, George and Mike Chapman, RIP
Sunday	17 th	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Catenians Deceased Brothers, RIP
Monday	18 th	No Mass		
Tuesday	19 th	No Mass		
Wednesday	20 th	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion	
Thursday	21 st	9.30am	Mass	
Friday	22 nd	11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12.10pm	Mass	
Saturday	23 rd	10.00am	Mass	

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Saturday	23 rd	<u>NO 6pm MASS</u>		
Sunday	24 th	8.30am	Mass	May, Han & Bid, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Mary Galloghly, RIP

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*Wednesday & Thursday: 9.10am Morning Prayer*

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

*Saturday: 1<sup>st</sup> 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"**

**Parish Office: 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 1BE**

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**Please make cheques payable to (full name): PRCDTR BRACKNELL ST JOSEPH**

**Parish Priest: Fr. Daniel McAvoy**

**Deacon: Rev. Aidan Lynch**

**Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Fisher**

**Pastoral Assistant: Mary McNab**

**Safeguarding Representatives: Sarah Birch, Marion McGuire, Paula Read**

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