

THE YEAR OF SAINT MARK
EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM
CORPUS CHRISTI - MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST – YEAR B

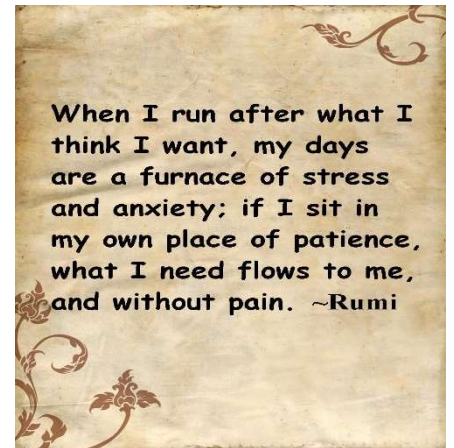
THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST: DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME

3 June 2018 – Mass Book Page 85, Psalter Week 1



When asked about the upcoming feast, Jesus sends His disciples, with a very detailed set of directions, including who they will meet, what they should say and what they will be shown. Perhaps He is trying to let them see that what is about to unfold has been well prepared for. At the meal, Jesus both takes and gives thanks for the bread and the cup of wine. He acts and then speaks the words of one who is actively engaged in His own destiny. He connects bread and cup with His broken body and His poured out blood. He unites dining with dying, Eucharist with crucifixion. Notice too, that even though there are only a few at the table, He spreads the cloth to include 'many'. This is a meal that strengthens the bonds of love between disciples, the One who will not be held by death, and their Father in Heaven.

A few weeks ago I turned 60! From this place I notice how younger people, the twenty and thirty somethings, struggle with the questions of who to be with and what to do with their lives. They live in a more challenging and complex world than I did at their age. In that world, they journey from mountains to valleys with amazing speed! They are thrown from clarity to confusion in a heartbeat. I marvel at their faith and how resilient they are. I worry too about how vulnerable they are. They return again and again to the challenges of companionship and meaningful work. Just like us 'oldies', they long to find people and places to whom they can give themselves. They want to break their bodies and pour out their life blood. And when this is not happening, they know something is missing.



We might say they are trying, in their own way, to answer the call to sacrifice. Sacrifice is the work of making life better, or holy, by giving something back. Da Free John, in his "Scientific Proof of the Existence of God Will Soon Be Announced by the White House", has written (p.33-34) *'Those who cling to one or other religious or spiritual way must realise that the foundation of all such ways is the disposition of sacrifice - not of self-preservation or of immunity to life.... This must be expressed in a new, free, sober and truly compassionate disposition ... which freely anoints the world with help and intelligent consideration. Therefore ... let us give ourselves up so that each temple ... may become a temporary altar of self-giving into the mystery that pervades us.'*

Catholics, of course, have been promoting this for centuries. Jesus command to 'Do this in memory of Me', is wrapped in a new Wisdom. Every word and every gesture in the last supper are a clarion call to gather up our lives and act with compassion. Our lives are a gift but they are not our own. They are given to us by God moment by moment. Holding fast to this truth increases our gratitude. Gratitude fills us up from the inside. Once filled, we overflow. The life freely given becomes the life we seek to freely give away.

On this great Feast, I encourage a new and deeper consideration of and meditation on the Eucharist. I believe this can make us smarter and more effective at sacrificing, to which we are naturally disposed. The words and the gestures of Jesus invite us to hold together transcendence, gratitude and sacrifice. We need all three for full living. If we cling only to transcendence we run the risk of becoming aloof and uninvolved in the suffering of others. Never truly 'in' the life we are living. If gratitude does not move us to sacrifice, we might count our blessings in a way that separates us from others. If we try to sacrifice without gratitude we might become resentful. We pour ourselves out till we are running in empty. So, we short circuit and stop giving ourselves away. We might tell ourselves that we have finally wised up. But the only Wisdom worth remembering, is the one which invites us to re-enter the company of the One who knows all about breaking and pouring. In gratitude we can return to this place again and again to draw strength for the journey.

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

CORPUS CHRISTI - MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST – YEAR B

Saturday	2 nd	6.00pm	Mass	Special Intention- Christopher
Sunday	3 rd	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Bridget and Francis Robinson
Monday	4 th	No Mass		

ST BONIFACE, Religious, Bishop & Martyr

Tuesday	5 th	9.30am	Mass	James William Johnson, RIP
Wednesday	6 th	9.30am	Mass	Tim Roberts, RIP
Thursday	7 th	9.30am	Mass	Philomena Hunt, RIP

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, Solemnity

Friday	8 th	11.00am	Exposition	
		12.10pm	Mass	Volunteer Workers of our Parish

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Saturday	9 th	10.00am	Mass	Napoleon Manaois, RIP
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TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B (Missal Page 92)

Saturday	9 th	6.00pm	Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	10 th	8.30am	Mass	Rishal Pais
		10.30am	Mass	Maria and Felix Villahermosa, RIP
Monday	11 th	No Mass		
Tuesday	12 th	9.30am	Mass	Adrian Sweeney, RIP

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA, Religious, Doctor of the Church

Wednesday	13 th	9.30am	Communion Service	
Thursday	14 th	9.30am	Mass	Sean Riordan
Friday	15 th	11.00am	Exposition	
		12.10pm	Mass	Julia and Ted Turner
Saturday	16 th	10.00am	Mass	Jim Carroll, RIP

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B (Missal Page 95)

Saturday	16 th	6.00pm	Mass	Parish Intention
Sunday	17 th	8.30am	Mass	Yvonne Gantzer, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Sarah Davis, 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 prior appointment.

# DID YOU KNOW...?

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



**PARISH OFFICE** – Liz is on leave during the next three weeks, therefore, the office will operate on a reduced service Tuesdays to Fridays and closed on Mondays during this time.



**MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING** – On every last **Friday** of the month, Anointing of the Sick will be part of the 12.10pm Mass, except **Friday 29 June 2018** Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul, Holy Day of Obligation. 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.

**PEW PACKS** - We would like to overhaul the books in the pew packs, so if you have any **CHRISTIAN** based board books, would you kindly donate them for the Pew Packs? If so, please bring them to the parish office, thank you. We do hope you and your children are still enjoying these packs.



**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.



**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.

**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.



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR - JUNE** – 1<sup>st</sup> St Justin; 11<sup>th</sup> St Barnabas; 13<sup>th</sup> St Anthony of Padua; 21<sup>st</sup> St Aloysius Gonzaga; 22<sup>nd</sup> Ss John Fisher & Thomas Moore; 28<sup>th</sup> St Irenaeus; 29<sup>th</sup> Ss Peter & Paul.

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE** – Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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: 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 7.45pm – 9.30pm. Day Group: 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> 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 20 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: £1,870.29 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 OFFERINGS - JUNE: 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> - Day for Life; 30<sup>th</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> July – Peter’s Pence**

**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, Jadwiga Butcher, Lilijan Rodenburg, Robert Mulcahy, Eddie Moore, Peggy Pendergast, Ann Newton, Bridie Maughan, Angelina Ediale, Josephine Timms, Una Gilligan, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Patricia Holmwood, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Blanche Shap, Mike Garnham, Ethna Sweeney, Mary Carpenter, Mary King, Anna Tighe, Mary Phelan, Mary Sol Faulkner, Tony Andrews, Derek Alexander, Brenda Lynch, Margaret Clark, Shaun Howard, Denise Rinzivillo, Sally Tarode, Babs White, Tess Johnson, Dorcas Innes-Grant, Veronika Jastrzebski.

**Parish Office: 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 1BE**  
**Monday – Friday 9.30am-2.30pm**

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**Parish Priest: Fr Daniel McAvoy**

**Parish Secretary (Director of Administration): Elizabeth Fisher**

**Pastoral Assistant (Director of Evangelisation): Mary McNab**

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**PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW CHURCH**

# LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



**CAR PARK SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL** – The 2018/2019 car park subscription forms will be available in the porch from **Friday 1 June 2018** for renewals and new subscriptions. The new subscription period will be from **Sunday 1 July 2018** until **Sunday 30 June 2019**. The subscription forms will NOT be emailed to existing subscribers. In accordance with new GDPR guidelines all 2017 subscription forms will be shredded.



## BRACKNELL FOREST FAITH & BELIEF FORUM AGM – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018

from 2pm - 4pm in St Paul's Church Hall, The Square, Ralphs Ride, Bracknell RG12 9LP. All are welcome. If you would like to attend, phone Kate Eatwell on 07973 709647 or email [kate.eatwell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kate.eatwell@hotmail.co.uk)



**RELIC OF ST. EDMUND CAMPION** will be brought by the Knights of St Columba to the 9.30am Mass on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018**



**ALPHA** is starting on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 7:30pm-9pm** with a taster session in our parish hall. The Alpha experience explores the basics of the Christian faith and encourages conversation in an open and informal environment. Sign-up for the taster session on the parish website or pick up a form from the porch. More details are on the insert contained in this newsletter.

**JOIN TEAM ALPHA:** If you'd like to help on the team welcoming, catering, small group discussion leader, please speak to Mary McNab or email [bracknellpa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bracknellpa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**PARISH QUIZ NIGHT – Back by popular demand** on **Saturday 9 June 2018** - how good is your trivia? £1 entry per person, great prizes. Licenced bar from 7:00pm.

Quizzing starts at 7:30pm. Free buffet. A great, fun evening and a chance to make new friends.



## DIOCESAN DAY FOR READERS – SATURDAY 16 JUNE 2018 - 9.30am to 3.00 pm,

starting with Mass. This is for everyone involved in reading at Mass, an opportunity to meet, share, be formed, and pray together. Lunch and refreshments provided St Bede's Catholic Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG24 9DX. For more details, and to register: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/readers](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/readers). Please see the poster on the porch noticeboard.



## CAFOD Mass of Thanksgiving for Volunteers and Supporters

Each June as part of volunteers' week we hold a mass to thank all our volunteers and supporters. The mass for the South East region will be on **Saturday 16 June** at Our Lady Help of Christians Church Farnborough GU14 6JS at 2pm followed by tea/ coffee and cakes. There will be a short talk on our work in Latin America. Everyone is welcome, please let me know if you will attend for refreshments purposes calling Jo Lewry on 01252 329385 or email [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk)



## GREAT NEWS! CONTACT POINTS FOR THE BERKSHIRE CREDIT UNION ARE TO SOON BE AVAILABLE IN BRACKNELL

If you're interested in finding out more about this as well as how to join the Credit Union, what services will be offered and what's involved in volunteering, do come along to a talk from Gordon Ross, Treasurer of the Berkshire Credit Union, on **Thursday 21 June 2018 at 7.00pm**, in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome, refreshments and a chat. Please see the poster on the porch noticeboard.



**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE AS A DEACON IN HIS CHURCH?** - Oscott Seminary have introduced a preparatory year for men discerning a call to the Permanent Diaconate. This Propaedeutic year consists of three sessions 2018/2019 (Friday-Saturday) **9<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup> November 2018; 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**

Its aim is to help candidates better understand the reality of a vocation to Holy Orders and to discern whether this is what God is calling them to. There will be Parish based pastoral elements, spiritual formation and intellectual input given through teaching, seminars and discussions.

Wives of prospective candidates will be supported during these days and are encouraged to attend. Attendance at these days does not commit an individual to beginning the formation program but is part of the overall selection process. **For further information email Fr Peter Hart [pghaart@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pghaart@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)**



Share the Journey  
#sharejourney

**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](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or call 01252 329385



**SIGNIFICANT WEDDING MASS** - Are you celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or anniversary over 60 years? Bishop Philip you are invited to a celebration Mass at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on **Saturday 30 June 2018**. A wonderful occasion to celebrate. Please visit the Cathedral website and complete the on-line form, <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries> Or send an email to [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



## SOUTH BERKSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

**Co-ordinating Pastor: Fr Danny McAvoy**, St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church, Bracknell, 01344 425729;  
**Fr Kevin Bidgood**, St Francis of Assisi, Ascot 01344 620591;  
**Fr Marcus Brisley** Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst & Holy Ghost, Crowthorne, 01252 876820;  
**Fr David O'Sullivan**, Corpus Christi, Wokingham 0118 9780348