

THE YEAR OF SAINT MARK
EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

HAS THE TEACHING OF JESUS EVER CHANGED YOUR MIND ABOUT ANYTHING?

5 August 2018 – Mass Book Page 114 - Psalter Week 2

It looks like the crowd are following Jesus but they are really following miracles. Jesus sees through their immaturity and tries to help them to grow up. They seek Him because he has filled their bellies with bread. But they have still not understood what the bread means. They are well aware of their physical hunger and are very focused on filling it. But they are less acquainted with their spiritual hunger and are not sure how to fill that. Jesus tells them that He, Himself, is the one who feeds them with 'Bread from Heaven'. Now He begins lesson number two. They ask him about keeping the law or the works of God. To be faithful, they must do what God does. He teaches them that they can only do these works (the many) if they are united to the work (the One). They must join the One who has been sent. For while, "The Law was indeed given through Moses, Grace and Truth have come through Jesus Christ." (Jn 1,29)

Now comes lesson number three. These 'would be' disciples need proof. If Jesus is the work of God, what work will He do that will help them to believe in Him? They know that the Law, the great charter for Justice, is from God, because Moses, the lawgiver, provided manna in the desert. The manna is the only validation Moses needs. But Jesus says, 'Think again!' The manna was not given as proof that Moses was from God. It was meant to reveal the One who put it there. The Father is the One who gives Bread from Heaven and He is giving it all the time. Now they must see that the True Bread which comes down from Heaven is given for the whole world. It cannot be contained within the borders of Israel. It is a gift for the whole of Creation. The Bread is its own reality. It does not point to something else. If you let Jesus in you will have all the proof you need!

Now, lesson number four! The crowd need time to take in the full impact of what Jesus is teaching them. For now, all they can hear is the promise of manna every day. Since the 'Bread of Life' is the spiritual nourishment that flows from God into Creation, and since Jesus is the Beloved Son of God who rebuilds the connection, He himself is the Bread of life. Whoever comes to Him will kiss eternity and they will never feel spiritual hunger or thirst ever again. The Teacher invites those who are locked in the prison of the visible, the material and the temporal to embrace the freedom of the invisible, the spiritual and the eternal. Can they do it?



Once upon a time, there was an exhausted mother who stood up at a retreat and announced that she was tired of giving. Her friends were quick to offer solutions and advice; daycare, part time employment, more husband-father involvement. Then a voice broke through this conversation, "Honey, you gotta learn how to sing". She told the exhausted mother that she had to change her whole mind, her whole attitude. Nothing suggested so far would provide lasting help. Tinkering with the edges was no substitute for inner change. She had to transform the moments of giving into moments of meeting.

Spiritual Teachers value interior change as the forerunner to new and decisive action. They often tweak and tease the consciousness of their disciples to see things in a new way. Like the other day when I was driving back from visiting my best friend who is dying, I saw, on the billboard of a church, 'Tweet others as you yourself would like to be tweeted'. Brilliant! Or the story Jack Kornfield tells of his spiritual Teacher. '*There is a road I know well, but it can be foggy or dark. When I see someone travelling this road about to fall into a ditch or get lost in a sidetrack on the right hand side, I call out 'Go to the left.'* So too, if I see someone fall into a ditch or get lost in a sidetrack on the left hand side, I call out, 'Go to the right.' That's all I do when I teach. Wherever you get caught, I say, 'Let go of that too.' (After the Ecstasy, the Laundry: How the Heart Grows Wise on the Spiritual Path)[New York:Bantam 2000. Pp268-169]

Jesus, the Teacher, knows the path well and can help others who are in a fog or in darkness. I like to see Him calling out to us, "A little to the left," or "Go to the right". And I imagine Him saying, "Don't keep hungering after wonders or miracles. Notice the deeper hunger within you for what lasts forever. Turn your mind from doing things and enlarge the inner space from which you are able to do things. Gods' work is always done with God. Stop asking, 'How will I know if this is true?' Instead ask, 'Am I in communion with God and receiving His gift of life. Manna every morning will not solve your problems. Give your heart to me and you will be satisfied for ever." This is the deeper level where Love elevates us and things become easier, less trying, happening more by themselves. If you think you need more of this, you are right.

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

Saturday	4 th	6.00pm	Mass	Bruna Rosita D'Souza, RIP
Sunday	5 th	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Bridget Fitzgerald, RIP
Monday	6 th	No Mass		
Tuesday	7 th	9.30am	Mass	Those Struggling with High Temperatures

ST DOMINIC, Founder

Wednesday	8 th	9.30am	Mass	Jack Murphy, RIP
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ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, Religious, Martyr, Patron of Europe

Thursday	9 th	9.30am	Mass	Retired and Sick Clergy of the Diocese
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ST LAURENCE, Deacon, Martyr

Friday	10 th	11.00am	Exposition	
		12.10pm	Mass	Veronika Jastrzebski

ST CLARE, Foundress

Saturday	11 th	10.00am	Mass	Aid Workers Across the World
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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

Saturday	11 th	6.00pm	Mass	Poor and Sick of the World
Sunday	12 th	8.30am	Mass	Dedicated Staff in the NHS
		10.30am	Mass	Michael Ross-Watson, 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.*

**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**

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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](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**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.



Anointing of the Sick

**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 – AUGUST:** 6<sup>th</sup> The Transfiguration of the Lord; 8<sup>th</sup> St Dominic; 9<sup>th</sup> St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross; 10<sup>th</sup> St Laurence; 11<sup>th</sup> St Clare; 14<sup>th</sup> St Maximilian Maria Kolbe; **15<sup>th</sup> The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**; 20<sup>th</sup> St Bernard; 21<sup>st</sup> St Pius X; 22<sup>nd</sup> The Queenship of Mary; 24<sup>th</sup> St Bartholomew; 27<sup>th</sup> St Monica; 28<sup>th</sup> St Augustine of Hippo; 29<sup>th</sup> The Passion of St John the Baptist; 30<sup>th</sup> Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward.

**CHURCH SHOP OPENING ON SATURDAY EVENINGS** - The shop will be open from 5:30pm-7pm on the second Saturday of each month starting **Saturday 11 August 2018**.

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE** – Closed until early September.

**TODDLER GROUP** – Closed until new school term in September.

**KEEP FIT** – Closed until new school term in September.

**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 27 September 2018. **No Alpha during August.**

**SOUP & ROLL** – Closed until Friday 14 September.

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

**MASS OFFERINGS:** £1838.38.



**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.**

**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 Ediale, 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, Reynalita Leysan, Marie Fielding, Bernadette Hunt

# LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



**WE WELCOME INTO OUR COMMUNITY:** Aletha Maureen Grace Rosa and her family that they will be surrounded by God's love.



**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – A Holy Day of Obligation on Wednesday 15 August 2018. Masses at 12.00 noon and 7.00pm.**



**CAR PARK NEW WINDOW STICKERS – The new purple window stickers are available from the parish office, please call in during office open times to collect your sticker, the pink stickers are now invalid. Please understand that you can be challenged if you park without displaying your 2018/2019 sticker.**



**FANNING THE FLAME CATHOLIC MISSION** - The Summer camp is for 10-25 year olds and runs from 20th - 24th August. Bookings close on 12th August, so there's not long left to book your place. A week of faith, fun and fellowship in the beautiful New Forest, to learn about our incredible Catholic faith, come together in friendship and have a lot of (silly) fun! The 5 days of camping include celebrating Mass and praying together, engaging talks, stream time, workshops (of all sorts) horse riding, football, good showers and great meals, and plenty of time to make friends and ask questions about your faith, discover God's incredible love for you, and then leave renewed by his Holy Spirit to live a life of grace! For more information and booking forms visit the Fanning the Flame [website](#) or e-mail: [ffcm1995@gmail.com](mailto:ffcm1995@gmail.com)

Please see the poster on the porch noticeboard.



**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 complete your application by Wednesday 22 August 2018 via the website [www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/confirmation2019.html](http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/confirmation2019.html)** There will then be an Introduction to the Confirmation Journey for candidates on **Wednesday 29 August 2018** at 7.30pm in the parish hall.



**TEA & COFFEE TEAM** - Volunteers are needed for Saturday evening Fairtrade teas and coffees after 6.00pm Mass. Monthly volunteer rota. 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.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019** - If you and your child feel ready to begin the journey towards First Holy Communion, please register your interest online via at [bracknellcatholicchurch.org/fhc2019](http://bracknellcatholicchurch.org/fhc2019) by **Friday 14 September 2018**. The first meeting for parents will take place on **Wednesday 19 September 2018**.

**PRO-LIFE GROUP – Please join the informal parish Pro-life Group, no meetings or subscription. Please complete the Pro-life Cards which are in the porch and return to the parish office or join by emailing your details to the Parish Office.**

## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

**Child Protection Training on Saturday 22 September 2018**, 10.00am to 12.30pm at Our Lady & St Dominic, High View Road, Farnborough GU14 7PT  
Trainer – Maureen Wiltshire

**Vulnerable Adults Training on Saturday 22 September 2018**, 1.30pm to 4.00pm at Our Lady & St Dominic Church, High View Road, Farnborough GU14 7PT  
Trainer – Maureen Wiltshire

**If you wish to attend, please register with:**

Soraya Ciccarone, PA to Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator & Diocesan Financial Secretary, Tel: (Direct Dial) 023 92 836511/023 92 816396/023 92 825430, Email: [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE E-NEWS**- Keep up to date with what's happening in the diocese via our weekly diocesan E-news. Portsmouth Diocese E-news is usually published on Tuesday each week and contains the latest news from the Bishop as well as details of forthcoming events, photos of past events and videos of interest. A beautiful reflection on preparing for the Assumption; the weekly Wednesday Webinar on the Sunday's Gospel; information on forthcoming Science-or-Religion Symposium and Catholic Medical Association Conference. Sign up now to get it straight to your inbox: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews)

## SOUTH BERKSHIRE PASTORAL AREA



**Co-ordinating Pastor: Fr Danny McAvooy**, 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