

**THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE**  
**THE YEAR OF THE RELENTLESS WIDOW**  
**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**

**HOLDING ONTO LIFE WITH AN OPEN HAND**

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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.*



It doesn't matter if it's the rich or the poor - I have seen families torn apart and destroyed over questions of inheritance. As if they believed that the precious relationships of their life were less valuable than the baubles which helped to hold them together!

In cash terms, all of us, no matter who we are - how young or how old - try to juggle many 'financial' balls. A job I love, or a job that pays well. Can I have both? Rare. Now I'm working with people I don't like, but the money is good so I'll endure. My boss is awful, nothing is worth having to face that one every working day. And so it goes on, with the great question, when will we ever have enough - too much would be better - to live the life we want. Then.....

Jesus sent His disciples, without cloak or coin, His word their only possession, like troubadours with a single song. They broke over Galilee like a summer storm, cleansing air and earth and leaving a fragrance as fresh as the time before the first scream. They came back to Him, having broken the back of pain and He said, 'Come aside and rest awhile'. So Jesus pulled them away to a desert place where they reclined on the green grass of His soul. "We have done great things," they said. 'Your feet are dusty, I will wash them,' He said. "We will have a time of no more hunger, no more thirst,' they said. Jesus said to them, "People who would end hunger may be hungry themselves. Here is Bread. People who would do away with thirst may be thirsty themselves. Here is wine. Eat and remember or the earth you shake will swallow you. The mountains you move will crush you. The sin you stalk will in turn stalk you".

Then Jesus opened his hands and a story fell live to the ground.

'Once there was a rich man  
and the over-generous earth opened to him  
with the gift of 1000 suppers of wheat.  
At the sight of such abundance  
his mind became a ledger  
and he broke down his bins and built bigger  
barns  
To house his new self-sufficiency.  
I will never be hungry again - he shouted.  
He never was. That night he died.  
Eat and Remember!



(Adapted from John Shea, The Indiscriminate Host)

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



**PASTORAL CARE/BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT CONTACT MOBILE NUMBER** - Our Pastoral Care team, includes members of the Bereavement Support Group, offers support and home visits to the sick, the housebound, the lonely and the bereaved. We also 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](mailto: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.

**THE SHOP WILL BE CLOSED FROM SUNDAY 28 JULY TO SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER INCLUSIVE, RE-OPENING SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER**



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR – AUGUST:** 1<sup>st</sup> St Alphonsus Liguori; 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; 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

**MASS OFFERINGS: £1979.62**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY**

**THANK YOU**  
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** – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays 7.45pm-9:30pm.  
Please contact the parish office for venue details.

**BABY & TODDLER GROUP** – Closed until Tuesday 10 September.

**KEEP FIT** – Closed until Tuesday 10 September.

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

**CHOIR PRACTICE** – Closed until Thursday 5 September.

**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

**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 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

**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.

## 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, Babs White, 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, Bessie Smith, Brenda Hook, Simon Brennan, Audrey Lam, Pam Savage.

# LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



**A WARM WELCOME** – To **Fr Benjamin Theobald** who has kindly agreed to celebrate all our Masses weekend 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> August and **Fr Andrew Pinsent** who has kindly agreed to celebrate the baptism of Daisy Nellie Newman on Saturday 3 August and celebrate all our Masses weekend 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> August.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

**TESS JOHNSON, RIP** whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated by Fr Kevin Bidgood at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Friday 9 August 2019 at 12.00noon**, followed by a Service at 2.00pm at Easthampstead Park Cemetery. Please pray for Tess and all her family.

*May her soul and the souls of 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.



**NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL :** Can you help us save the planet and save money? We can send to you every Friday the parish weekly newsletter by email, you can then review it anytime you wish. Just send your email address to the parish office [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) by Wednesday any week and we will add your email address to the newsletter confidential group email list. We can then reduce the number of newsletters we print every week, saving money on paper and toner and reduce the quantity we recycle and you recycle. A nominal quantity of newsletters will be placed in the porch for parishioners who do not have an email address, new parishioners and guests to our parish.



**PART TIME VACANCY – BOOKKEEPER** - Part time Parish bookkeeper required, half day per week with flexible working. Some bookkeeping experience preferred. It would be voluntary or paid at an hourly rate. Main role is to enter details of all the income and expenditure onto the Parish Finance system and support the Parish Treasurer. Help and training provided. For more details please email the Parish Secretary at [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**SCHOOL ADMISSION FORMS FOR SIGNING** – For all school admission forms that need to be signed by Fr Danny, please bring your form(s) into the Sacristy after the Mass you attend at the weekend or weekday as 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! - Summer Break!** - The youth groups are now on their summer break. We will be back in September so watch this space for updates and details of future events!

Thank you to all our youth leaders & volunteers for their time and commitment to our young people. We are very blessed to have such a great team. Come and join us...Youth Ministry is challenging, interesting, incredibly rewarding and FUN, so why not get involved? Please contact: [youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org) for further details. We look forward to welcoming you.

**BIBLE JOURNALING** - Starting in mid September a regular **Bible Journaling** class at my home during the day. I would like **5 other people** joining me on this wonderful prayerful journey. **Bible Journaling** is all about quietly colouring in pages of the bible (very calming & therapeutic) reflection on scripture with the group, observations, application and prayer, and moving towards meditation also. Approx. 1 hour per week. For more information contact **Jan on 07866 198581**



## DAYS OF REFLECTION

Annual days of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word at Douai Abbey are on **Saturday 21st, Sunday 22nd September and Saturday 5th October 2019**, 9:45am to 4pm. Please register online via the Parish website, or notify the Parish office. Please make your booking as soon as possible as spaces are limited!



**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:**  
**THURSDAY 15 AUGUST**  
**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION :**  
**MASSES AT 1200 noon and 7.30pm**



**CAFOD HARVEST BRIEFING** - Our parish is hosting a Harvest briefing for CAFOD on **Wednesday 4 September 2019** from 7:15pm to 9pm in the church hall. At this meeting Nikki Evans the Programme Officer for Bolivia will speak about CAFOD's work in Bolivia and give an update on the Hands on Altiplano project from 2016. There will be representatives from other local parishes at this meeting and it would be lovely to see lots of St. Joseph's parishioners there. To book your place email Jo Lewry [jlewry@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jlewry@cafod.org.uk) or by ringing 01252 329385

# TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Private Intention
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Bruna D'Souza, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Robinson Family
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>		
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>		
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>		
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.00noon</b>	<b>REQUIEM MASS</b>	<b>– Tess Johnson, RIP</b>
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>		

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Jean and Dennis Johnson, RIP
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Helen Considine, 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*  
*Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9.30am-2.30pm*

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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 (Director of Evangelisation): Mary McNab*

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

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**PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW, BRACKNELL**