

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

BEING GRATEFUL TO THOSE WHO TEACH US THE TRUTH

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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.

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Since none of us have arrived, we are a community of people who are 'growing' up. If our spiritual eyes are blurred or closed, we must feel our way towards someone whose eyes are open. But if we apprentice ourselves to someone who is as blind as we are, all we will do is have company in the darkness and someone to share the catastrophe that awaits us.



True Disciples apprentice themselves to someone who is more grown up than themselves. If the goal is to be like our 'teacher', then the teacher has to be the sort of person we would like to be. Today's disciples are tomorrow's teachers. And Jesus has a powerful lesson for those who are on this path. The lesson is this: We must not see ourselves as agents of another person's improvement. This is made worse if we pretend a friendship that does not really exist. Our hypocrisy is exposed when we find ourselves able to speak at length of the slightest fault in our neighbours while remaining blind to our own staggering and destructive faults. The tragedy is that we have fine-tuned our ability to observe, judge and condemn others, but we do not know how to see ourselves clearly.

Best to admit, as all spiritual teachers advise, that we have bias, tapes and story lines that enter into every story we tell about other people. If we do not know what these are, we are ignorant. Without this knowledge we look in a mirror and gaze on our own innocence. Then, turning, we observe and comment on the world around us as if we were not part of it. Net result - we live in disdain and not in compassion. The only way to help anyone grow is to be very articulate about our own massive conversions.

There is a great story about a woman who brought her granddaughter to Ghandi which makes this point. She told Ghandi, "My granddaughter eats too many sweet things. Tell her to stop". Ghandi gazed at the girl and said, "Bring her back to me next week." The following week he said the same thing and this went on for four weeks. On their fourth visit Ghandi said to the child, "You should not eat so many sweet things. They are not good for you". The grandmother was livid. "We waited four weeks for that?" "Ah!" Ghandi sighed. "It took me that long to stop eating sweet things myself!" The only way to really help anyone who stumbles and falls is to share the story of our own struggle to be faithful!

And there's more! Isn't it true that when we genuinely try to be more just, more loving, more compassionate, more truthful, we do not find it easy. The spiritual teacher would say that this has to do with IDENTITY. If we do not know we are good people, we will not be able to do good deeds. Moral change depends on identity change. Good trees produce good fruit, bad trees do not. Fig trees bear figs, not thorns. For Jesus, this IDENTITY is found in the landscapes of the heart. The heart is the hidden source of our talking. It has an endless supply that the mouth draws on and pours into the world. Our heart (usually hidden) makes itself known by the words we speak. If the heart is toxic the words we speak are evil and bring only harm. If the heart is pure, words of peace and reconciliation will flow from there and will transform the darkness. What appears can be traced back to what is hidden.

Jesus longs for mature disciples. Disciples who have grown up. Disciples who have grown away from a life of hurting and wounding others. If we follow His teaching, we become flood proof. Raging rivers symbolise the challenges that will come and the dark forces which want to destroy anything that is good. Jesus offers his disciples a foundation stone where we can withstand these attacks. It is down to earth, practical wisdom on how not to become engulfed by the evil inside ourselves. It is a mandate for disciples to act in a way that builds a new community and survive the dangers that come from outside ourselves. But more importantly, the ones that come from within.

## DID YOU KNOW...?



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Midday on Tuesdays**, please email any items you need to make known to the parish via the newsletter to [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF : JOSEPH MARIO FAVA, RIP** whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Thursday 7 March 2019** at 11.45am, followed by a Service at 1.45pm at Easthampstead Park Cemetery. Please pray for Joseph and all his family.

*May his 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. This is to enable us to lock the funeral gate to secure the area for the hearse and family mourners' cars to turn and park at the church for the Requiem Mass. Thank you.



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR – MARCH:** 1<sup>st</sup> St David; 6<sup>th</sup> ASH WEDNESDAY; 19<sup>th</sup> St Joseph; 25<sup>th</sup> The Annunciation of the Lord.

**MASS OFFERINGS: £1649.82**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY**

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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.

**SECOND OFFERINGS FOR MARCH: 16/17<sup>th</sup> Cafod Lenten Fast Day; 30/31<sup>st</sup> Clergy Assistance Fund**

**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** – Every Tuesday 9.30am-11.30am in the hall **during term time**.

**KEEP FIT** – Every Tuesday, 2pm-3pm in the hall

**PRAYER GROUPS**–Hall Evening :1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 7.45pm – 9.30pm. Day: 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. Instrumentalists also invited to join us.

**MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING:** Every last Friday in the month 12.10pm Mass, refreshments after Mass.

**TEAS & COFFEES** – After all weekend Masses,

**JOURNEY IN FATH** – 7.30pm-9.00pm in the hall.

**OFS - Saturday 16 March 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

**Fridays 10am – 12pm:** St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, RG12 1BE

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

**SUNDAY MASS PARKING IN SERVICE YARD D** – Please be aware that the Sunday Mass parking concession in Service Yard D for the 8.30am and 10.30am Masses ends at 1200 noon.



### SOUTH BERKSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

**Co-ordinating Pastor: Fr Danny McAvoy**, St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church, Bracknell, Tel: 01344 425729

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**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, Johanna Lenz, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, Lilijan Rodenburg, 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, Tess Johnson, Dorcas Innes-Grant, Veronika Jastrzebski, Doreen Gladwin, Manuela Maria Barros, Gerry Tobin, Rico Morales, Reynalita Leysan, Marie Fielding, Marie Hughes, Jenny Bashford, Phyllis D'Souza, Donal Hanley, Pat Meehan, Jacqui Rawstron, Jim and Francis McEvoy, Mary Murray, Jane Rodrigues.

## LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



**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 NOT BE OPEN ON SATURDAY 9 MARCH BUT WILL BE OPEN ON SATURDAY 16 MARCH 5.30pm - 7.00pm AND SUNDAYS AS USUAL FROM 9.30am – 10.30am.**



**DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK 12th - 19th March 2019** The national Dementia Prayer Week organised by the Pastoral Care Project is an invitation to everyone to pray for and with those who live with dementia and their families who care for them. 9.30am Mass on **WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH** will be celebrated for their intentions.

### Prayer for those living with Dementia

*Father of all goodness, your Son brought healing of mind and body to show that your Kingdom is here. In our hour of need, we look to you, we seek to understand your purpose. Through Joseph, the faithful and honourable husband of Mary, you show us care and compassion in adversity, you give us a model of generosity and care. We pray for those whose lives we share and who live with the knowledge of weakness, whose memory now fades, whose enjoyment of life's story is changing. Make us aware of the needs of others, of the dignity of life at every stage, of the collective memory that we own. Bless those who care for the sick, who share the journey. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, in Your good time. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen. Fr Timothy Menezes the Pastoral Care Project ©*



**PASTORAL CARE** - There will be a Pastoral Care meeting in the parish hall from 7pm- 8pm on **Wednesday 13th March** for those who visit the frail elderly and the sick in our parish including Eucharistic Ministers to the housebound. We can provide home visits by Care team members for whatever reason. It could be in the case of illness, to see a friendly face or just for a chat. To request a visit email [pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org) or contact the parish office Tel 425729



**IGNITE! (age 10-12)**- Next meeting – **Friday 8 March 2019**, 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the hall.

**JOINT YOUTH GROUP SOCIAL EVENT – Friday 5 April 2019** - Indoor Climbing – details to follow.

New to either of the youth groups? Want to make some new friends and have fun? Get yourself registered on our Parish website and come along. We'll look forward to welcoming you! For further information please contact [youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)



**LENT FAST DAY MEETINGS** - CAFOD Lent family fast day is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters overseas who are in need. On **Friday 15th March** can you eat simple meal so that others can simply eat. Through CAFOD's global network your support can reach to the ends of the earth so please collect your fast day envelope from church and give whatever you can or you can donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Fast-Day> Thank you.



**CAFOD SOUP-ER SUNDAY** - In support of CAFOD Family Fast Day, there will be a soup and roll lunch held at 12pm on **Sunday 17 March 2019** in the church hall. Donations towards the cost by bringing your Family Fast day envelope or cash. It will be Soup-er

**CHARLES WHITEHEAD TALK** - Please put this date in your personal diary/calendar, Charles Whitehead will be giving a talk in the Parish Hall on **Tuesday 19 March 2019**, the session will be from 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. A talk **WHAT DO WE MEAN BY 'WALKING IN THE SPIRIT' AND HOW DO WE DO IT?** followed by praying over individuals if they wish.



## BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TRIDUUM

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – Every **Thursday evening** in Lent (not Holy Thursday) at **7.00pm** in the church



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – Every **Friday** in Lent (not Good Friday) at **11.00am**, with various leaders. Exposition **11.30am**, Mass **12.10pm**.



**PENITENTIAL SERVICES** – For the South Berkshire Pastoral Area is:

**Thursday 4 April 2019 at 7.30pm** : Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst, GU47 9BS



**CHRISM MASS, CATHEDRAL PORTSMOUTH** – **Tuesday 16 April 2019** at 11.00am at the Cathedral. We have a “mobility impaired” accessible coach (better than the bus) for able-bodied and mobility impaired parishioners who wish to attend this Mass. There is 1 place for wheelchair parishioners on a first come first served basis, **closing date for coach is 2 April**. Please be at the church by **7.30am** as the coach will depart from St Joseph's Church at **8.00am**, returning approx **4.00pm**, please contact the parish office to be included on the coach list. **The coach is expensive this year, we would really appreciate a donation towards the cost of the coach.** Please note, no 9.30 Mass that day.

## **TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS**

### **EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C**

|          |                 |                |      |                               |
|----------|-----------------|----------------|------|-------------------------------|
| Saturday | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 6.00pm         | Mass | Deceased of O’Sullivan Family |
| Sunday   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass | Joseph Lewis, RIP             |
|          |                 | 10.30am        | Mass | Ernie Johnson, RIP            |
| Monday   | 4 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                               |
| Tuesday  | 5 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                               |

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

|           |                 |                |                                         |                                        |
|-----------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Wednesday | 6 <sup>th</sup> | 12.00noon      | Mass                                    | Teotimo Quiseo, RIP                    |
|           |                 | 7.30pm         | Mass                                    | Catherine Theresa Wright, RIP          |
| Thursday  | 7 <sup>th</sup> | <b>11.45am</b> | <b>Requiem Mass – Joseph Mario Fava</b> |                                        |
| Friday    | 8 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am        | Exposition                              |                                        |
|           |                 | 12.10pm        | Mass                                    | Mary Hughes                            |
| Saturday  | 9 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am        | Mass                                    | Pastoral Care Volunteers of the Parish |

### **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C**

|          |                  |         |      |                                    |
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| Saturday | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Welcoming Volunteers of the Parish |
| Sunday   | 11 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Thomas and Bridget Casey, RIP      |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass | Peter & Katherine 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: 9.30am Rosary, 1st Saturday of the month 9.30am Pro-Life Rosary.
Confessions: Every Saturday at 10.45am or prior appointment.

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