

THE YEAR OF SAINT MARK
EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

CASUAL LISTENER OR SERIOUS APPRENTICE?

17 June 2018 – Mass Book Page 95, Psalter Week 3

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Jesus uses Parables to teach about the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is being born, is coming to be, in and through His disciples. Their struggle for a new humanity and a new community will drive all darkness away. It is not something we experience only on the other side of the grave. It is here! It is now! It is in the very heart of us! And boy do we know it when it speaks and makes itself known!

Parables are not like other stories. They are laden with depths of meaning which cannot be accessed by the casual listener. Serious apprentices listen over and over again to the Parable so that it might reveal its meaning and offer up its treasure to us. Ordinary events illuminate spiritual realities. The Kingdom of God is like this, but it isn't not like this either. The images are deliberately open ended. They open a territory but do not map it. They discipline the heart to look in certain direction, but they do not tell the heart what it will see. What the teacher is trying to do is to raise awareness, to heighten the consciousness of the disciple.

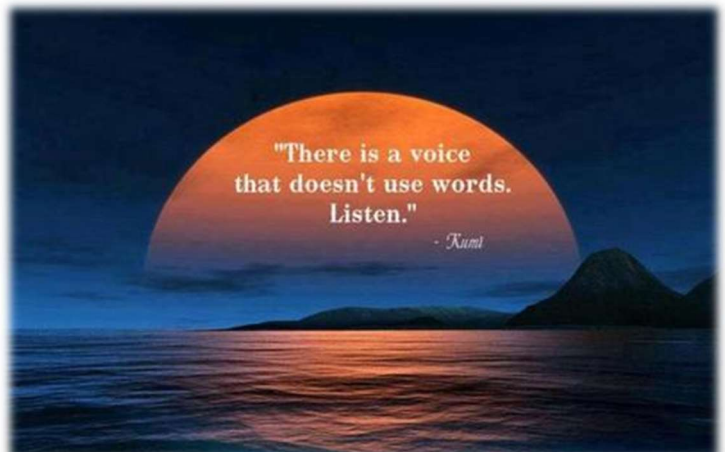
This Sunday, we are given the gift of two Parables. The first is about seed and soil and urges us to trust the natural growing process. Once contact has been made between the seed (the word) and the earth (the receptive heart) a process of development begins. This process is more mysterious than we know and we should not interfere in it. We can live our lives and we can sleep easy. Sower Control is not permitted! Hence the story of the farmer who wanting to see it all, poked around his crop every day and ended up with nothing. For those who lack trust, nothing grows! But for those who trust, the miracle unfolds. Step by wonderful step we gaze on the ripeness that will be harvested to become bread for the hungry.

The second Parable is very reassuring. God likes to hide in small things. The greater is contained in the lesser. What we now know may be as small as a mustard seed. But once the seed has been sown into mystery it will grow. What will be harvested will be the enhanced ability of disciples to defend, shelter, protect and comfort others.

The Gospels make it clear that Jesus does not want casual listeners among His disciples. He wants to give His words to serious apprentices. His words are wings. He sees more in us than we see in ourselves. It takes real humility to know ourselves as mustard seeds and to sit in the presence of the One who sees us as the sheltering tree of life.

Paul Murray's poem, 'Know Yourself' captures some of this energy.

*There is a world within you no one has ever seen,  
A voice no one has ever heard, not even you.  
As yet unknown, you are your own seer,  
Your own interpreter.  
And so, with eyes and ears  
Grown sharp for voice or sign  
Listen well-  
Not to these words  
But to that inward voice  
That impulse beating in your heart  
Like a far wave.  
Turn to that source, and you  
Will find  
What no one has ever found.  
A ground within you  
None has ever seen.  
A world beyond the limits  
Of your dreams horizon. (The Absent Fountain [Dublin:Daedalus Press,1991]12)*



# 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 the 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 are missing 7 Pew Packs. If you have taken one home accidentally, please return it as all the Pew Packs need to be available for all the weekend Masses. Thank you.



**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 **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**.

**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: £1,813.24 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,.

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**Website: [www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org.uk](http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org.uk)**

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**Parish Priest: Fr Daniel McAvoy**

**Parish Secretary (Director of Administration): 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 CHURCH**

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



### 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.



**NO ALPHA on Thursday 21 June.** We will resume on 28 June. There's still time to sign-up! Go to our website: [www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/alpha-2018.html](http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/alpha-2018.html) or speak to Mary McNab if you're interested in finding out more.



For all those who have newly become adult church volunteers, you are required to attend Safeguarding training before you can fully undertake your role. There is training on: **Saturday 7th July 2018 Vulnerable Adults Training – 10.00am – 12.30pm St Joseph's, 36 Cookham Road, Maidenhead SL6 7EG** (Trainer – Jo Hopkins) Please contact Soraya Ciccarone to book your place: Email: [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or Tel: 023 92 836511.



**PASTORAL CARE** – There will be Pastoral Care meeting from 7.30pm - 8.30pm on **Wednesday 20 June 2018**. Please come along to share ideas and explore what more we can do as a parish family to support those who are sick, housebound, lonely, frail or in need.

**Bereavement Support Workshop – Sat 7 July.** You are invited to a workshop that will look at the process of helping people going through dying and bereavement. The main speaker will be Kathryn Turner, head of the Department for Spirituality in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. It will be held at Milner Hall, Winchester from 10am - 12.30pm. Please book a free place by contacting Philippa Foster on [pfoster@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pfoster@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**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.



**CLOTHES BANK** - The next Clothes Bank Giveaway, held every quarter in St Joseph's Church Hall and coordinated by St Mark's Church Binfield, will be on **Wednesday 27 June 2018**. The ClothesBank would appreciate donations of good quality used clothes for adults (men and women) and children of all ages and children's trainers, especially sizes 10 – 2. Some clothes cannot be passed on though: pyjamas, underwear and socks, for example, need to be new. Please leave your donations in the ClothesBank container that will be in the porch at St Joseph's Church at all weekend Masses, 23rd/24th June, but please not before that weekend. Help will be needed with sorting of clothes at St Mark's Binfield on **Monday 25 June**, from 9.30am and with setting up at St Joseph's on **Wednesday 27 June** at around 9.15am ready for the Giveaway to start at 10.15am finishing at 1pm. Also, if you and your family would benefit from help of this kind please contact the parish office. Thank you.



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.



**ST PETER AND ST PAUL – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – Friday 29 June 2018.** Masses will be at 12.10pm, with Exposition at 11.00am and 7.30pm.



**SIGNIFICANT WEDDING MASS** - 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

## TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

### TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B (Missal Page 92)

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

### ST ANTHONY OF PADUA, Religious, Doctor of the Church

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

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

|           |                  |                |      |                      |
|-----------|------------------|----------------|------|----------------------|
| Saturday  | 16 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm         | Mass | Parish Intention     |
| Sunday    | 17 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass | Yvonne Gantzer, RIP  |
|           |                  | 10.30am        | Mass | Sarah Davis, RIP     |
| Monday    | 18 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                      |
| Tuesday   | 19 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass | Bill McDermott, RIP  |
| Wednesday | 20 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass | Beatriz Lumibao, RIP |

### ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, Religious

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|----------|------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Thursday | 21 <sup>st</sup> | 9.30am  | Communion Service for the Sick and Housebound of our Parish |                      |
| Friday   | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 11.00am | Exposition                                                  |                      |
|          |                  | 12.10pm | Mass                                                        | John O'Sullivan, RIP |
| Saturday | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 10.00am | Mass                                                        |                      |

### THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST – YEAR B (Missal Page 167)

|          |                  |         |      |                                                 |
|----------|------------------|---------|------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Sidney and Mary Egan, RIP                       |
| Sunday   | 24 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Parish Intentions                               |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass | Thanksgiving to Parish Friends – Shona Paterson |



**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.

