

THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE
THE YEAR OF THE RELENTLESS WIDOW
FEAST OF ST PETER and ST PAUL - YEAR C

GIVING BIRTH TO A NEW HUMANITY AND A NEW COMMUNITY

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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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The Beloved Son of God often refers to himself as the 'Son of Man'. Perhaps 'Son of Humanity' might be more useful in our days. Either way, this is not just a title. It is clear that Jesus sees a new possibility for humanity being born and emerging in himself. He gives humanity a new way of understanding ourselves and of how we must be in the world. In today's Gospel, He begins by asking how people are responding to what He is proclaiming and offering. This question is asked in the region of Caesarea Philippi where a counter proposal of violence is being offered by the Romans.

His disciples draw a rough sketch of what people are saying. Some see Jesus as a prophet like the great ones of olden days. But seeing Him this way, and not fully understanding Him, might limit us to viewing him just as an instrument of judgement and social change. So Jesus then asks what His own disciples are saying. How are they (or we) understanding Him. It is Peter who has a flash of insight but one which will need more work.

Jesus' identity and our own identity will not be found in the revival of a dead past, even if that is situated within the prophetic tradition. Much more, it is about choosing to fall into the heartbeat of God and expressing this in compassionate living. Jesus takes the 'confession' of Peter and goes off in a direction no one could have foreseen. Peter has grasped the identity and mission of Jesus, and in return, Jesus reveals the true identity and mission of Peter. Both identities are so interwoven that they cannot be separated.

Peter is given the gift of recognising who Jesus really is and what He is offering. Peter has been able to receive this gift because of his relationship with the Father. We might say that Peter has made a trip to heaven and the Father has shown him who Jesus really is. The view from heaven is the rock which survives every storm. But there is a need to join understanding with action. When Jesus speaks, He is the Word of God. When His words are understood and acted upon, they become an indestructible foundation. Heaven and earth are joined, forming the rock on which Jesus can build the new humanity. It is this process of aligning heaven to earth that will be the foundation stone on which the new humanity will gather. Jesus calls this gathering, the Church.

The rock that is formed by confessing Jesus as the only and eternal truth is bullet proof. Even when the gates of hell are opened and all negativity is unleashed, it cannot prevail against the new humanity. This is because Peter and all other disciples have the key to another set of gates - the gates to the Kingdom of God. The prayer of Jesus, which begins with the words, 'Our Father...' , opens these gates every time it is prayed and heavens grace flows on the earth.



With so many jokes flying around about St. Peter greeting people at the pearly gates, it can be easy to miss that he is not designated as an afterlife security officer. The gate for which he has the keys is in the heart of human life which turns the flow of love in the world from a stream into a torrent. This is the supreme act, the supreme sacrament of the new humanity. It is an act of freedom and love flowing from their nearness to God. Disciples of Jesus are free to engage with every situation which enhances life and free to disengage from every action which contributes to death. This is the new paradigm which is being offered by the Son of Man. In a world where Jesus is often and deliberately misunderstood, He makes it clear that He wants a clearly worked out revolution of awareness and action for those who get Him. The truth that is revealed is as much about us as it is about Him.

St. Peter and St. Paul are amazing examples of how to grow into confident disciples. Yet they leave us with a question about how we develop our understanding of Jesus and then integrate that understanding into our behaviour. An artist might use broad brush strokes to guide us into acts of Love, Compassion, Mercy, Justice and Forgiving. But that aside, His Word in us will take us to surprising places. The poet Denise Levertov, reflecting on the fig tree that Jesus cursed, wondered if He was telling His disciples that they were withholding 'gifts unimaginable'. Perhaps we know we are getting closer to the truth when gifts unimaginable are flowing through us into the world that He loved unto death.

## 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 OPEN EVERY SECOND SATURDAY EACH MONTH 5.30pm - 7.00pm and EVERY SUNDAY 9.30am – 10.30am**



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR – JULY:** 3<sup>rd</sup> St Thomas; 11<sup>th</sup> St Benedict; 15<sup>th</sup> St Swithun; 17<sup>th</sup> St Bonaventure; 22<sup>nd</sup> St Mary Magdalene; 23<sup>rd</sup> St Bridget of Sweden; 29<sup>th</sup> St James; 26<sup>th</sup> Ss Joachim & Anne; 29<sup>th</sup> St Martha; 31<sup>st</sup> St Ignatius of Loyola.

**MASS OFFERINGS: £1809.00**

**SECOND OFFERINGS – JUNE: 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> Peter's Pence.**

**JULY: 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Verona Fathers Mission Appeal; 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Apostleship of the Sea**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY**

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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.

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT BT MYDONATE WILL CLOSE ON SUNDAY 30 JUNE 2019**

**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 to 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 at 12.10pm Mass, refreshments after Mass in the hall.  
**Car park reserved for persons with limited mobility.**

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

**JOURNEY IN FATH** – Every Thursday 7.30pm-9.00pm in the hall, last session Thursday 6 June 2019.

**OFS – Saturday 20 July 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 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, 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 Shallow, 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, Jerry Tobin, Rico Morales, Reynalita Leysan, Marie Fielding, Marie Hughes, Jenny Bashford, Phyllis D'Souza, Donal Hanley, Jacqui Rawstron, Jim and Francis McEvoy, Mary Murray, Jane Rodrigues Thelma Briggs, Margaret Pearce, Bessie Smith, Brenda Hook.

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

### VERONA FATHERS – MISSION APPEAL 6<sup>TH</sup> and 7<sup>TH</sup> July 2019

Please give a warm welcome to Fr John Downey from the Verona Fathers, Sunningdale who will be celebrating all our weekend Masses 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July and making a Mission Appeal (2<sup>nd</sup> offering) for all the work of the Verona Fathers worldwide.



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

**PIUS BABALOLA, RIP** whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Friday 26 July 2019 at 12.30pm**, followed by a Service at 2.30pm at Easthampstead Park Cemetery. Please pray for Pius and all his family.

*May their souls 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.



**CAR PARK SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL –** The 2019-2020 car park subscription forms are now available in the porch for parishioner RENEWALS and NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS, all existing subscriptions NOT renewed by Sunday 30 June will automatically be deleted from the system. The new subscription period will be from Monday 1 July 2019 until Tuesday 30 June 2020. Please complete the form and return it to the parish office along with your payment, cash or cheque only. The subscription forms will NOT be emailed to existing subscribers. The new windscreen sticker is orange this year, please be aware that you can be challenged if you park in the car park without displaying a valid sticker. In accordance with new GDPR guidelines all 2018 subscription forms will be shredded.



**FR DANNY'S VACATION –** Fr Danny will be taking well-earned vacation for one week commencing Monday 1 July until Tuesday 9 July inclusive.



#### JOINT YOUTH GROUP SOCIAL EVENT - Outdoor Adventure Raft Building – Rescheduled to Friday 5th July

For further details contact: [youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)

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)

**BIBLE JOURNALING** - I am starting in mid September a regular Bible Journaling class at my home during the day. I am interested in 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



**CATHOLIC VOICES** – An organisation seeking to inform people about issues affecting the Church and also helping them to explain the Church's teaching. The last talk is at Immaculate Conception Church, Yorktown Road, Sandhurst GU47 9BS on

Thursday 4 July – Lights at the end of the road: resisting assisted suicide, 7.30pm to 8.30pm



**SMC FESTIVAL ON THE FIELD** - Join us for our first ever Festival on the Field on Saturday 29 June at St. Margaret Clitherow School, 3pm-9pm. Music from 4pm – Band "Project 7", Red Tape Resistance, Platinum Floyd. Festival stalls, food, licensed bar, inflatables and entertainment. Tickets from school office or online <https://smc-festival-on-the-field.eventbrite.co.uk> or after 10:30am Mass on 9<sup>th</sup> of June.



**THE LEXICON YOUTH PROMS: Saturday 6 July 2019** at 2pm at the Bond Square. A Variety of musical performances by young talent. Please see the posters around the town centre.



**SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES 2019** - Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or Anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.

If you would like to come, please send an email to [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, or contact the Parish Secretary at St Bede's on 01256 465214.



#### GOLF DAY IN AID OF CAFOD 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY

The Catenians of Province 11 are organising a Golf Day to raise funds for CAFOD on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July at Weybrook Golf Club in Basingstoke. After the golf there will be a dinner for golfers and their non-golfing partners which will include a speaker from CAFOD head Office. For more information please contact Pat Murphy on [pfm190654@outlook.com](mailto:pfm190654@outlook.com)



**PARISH PICNIC/BBQ – Sunday 14 July** from 12:00 o'clock. Reappearance of ROLY the magician, music by James Farrant. Volunteers required at 10.00am to set up and help during the event and clearing up after the event. Please contact Ed Carroll on [social@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:social@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)

# TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

## ST PETER AND ST PAUL, Apostles – YEAR C

|           |                  |                                  |      |                          |
|-----------|------------------|----------------------------------|------|--------------------------|
| Saturday  | 29 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm                           | Mass | Louise and Stuart Birley |
| Sunday    | 30 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am                           | Mass | Parish Intentions        |
|           |                  | 10.30am                          | Mass | Parish Youth Group       |
| Monday    | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | <b>No Mass</b>                   |      |                          |
| Tuesday   | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | <b>No Mass</b>                   |      |                          |
| Wednesday | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | <b>No Mass</b>                   |      |                          |
| Thursday  | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>No Mass</b>                   |      |                          |
| Friday    | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>No Exposition and No Mass</b> |      |                          |
| Saturday  | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>No Mass</b>                   |      |                          |

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

|          |                 |         |      |                      |
|----------|-----------------|---------|------|----------------------|
| Saturday | 6 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Robert Buchanan, RIP |
| Sunday   | 7 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Frank Carney, RIP    |
|          |                 | 10.30am | Mass | Garry Humphries      |

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Wednesday & Thursday: 9.10am Morning Prayer, except when Requiem Mass is celebrated

Thursday: After Mass Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help,

10.15 am Mother's Prayers

Saturday: 1st Saturday of the month 9.30am Pro-Life Rosary.

Confessions: Every Saturday at 10.45am or prior appointment.

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