

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

**Who amongst us shows compassion?**

**14 July 2019 – Order of Mass Page 7 - Mass Book Page 108 - Psalter Week 3**

**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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When looking to write about scripture or put together a homily I always research what others have said and very rarely do I find a piece written I feel should be shared in its entirety. This week is an exception and I was so moved by this piece from the Pastoral Review that I felt it should be shared. So, please enjoy and please mull over its content.

Last Sunday we heard about the mission of the seventy-two who were sent out by the Lord to proclaim the kingdom of God. This week, it is the scholar of the law who comes to Jesus and asks about eternal life.

Most of us are so familiar with the parable of the Good Samaritan that we can easily *hear* it without really *listening* to it. It's easy to do that sometimes with passages of scripture we know so well. The story is simple. A man who is going from Jerusalem to Jericho is robbed, beaten, and nearly killed. It was a dangerous road. A priest and a Levite walk past the injured man, and a Samaritan stop to care for him. The Samaritan treats the wounds of the injured man with wine, oil, and bandages. The Samaritan takes him to an inn, pays for his care, and promises to pay for any additional needs when he returns. The Samaritan demonstrates what it means to be a neighbour.



We want to be good neighbours. The law of God invites us to love God and love our neighbour. That is not a mysterious commandment. It is not something hidden from our view. This commandment is near to us, in our mouths and in our hearts. We know it and we can follow it.

The difference between the Samaritan and the priest and the Levite was more than just their actions. We do not know why the priest and the Levite did not stop to help the injured man. We do know why the Samaritan stopped to help the injured man: he was moved with compassion. From the compassion that he felt for this unknown injured man on the side of the road, the Samaritan carried out the love of neighbour.


We want to be compassionate neighbours. The word compassion means to suffer with. To be compassionate means that we are willing to suffer with those who are suffering. The Samaritan was willing to suffer and willing to sacrifice for the injured man. His act of charity cost him. It cost him wine, oil, and bandages made of cloth. It cost him comfort on the journey because he gave the injured man his own place on the animal he was riding. It cost him the two silver coins that he gave to the innkeeper, and whatever he would pay on his return. And it cost him the most precious gift that we can give to another: it cost him time. The Samaritan was willing to suffer with the suffering. That is what it means to be a neighbour.

And that is part of what it means to be a follower of the Lord Jesus. We suffer with the suffering. In union with Christ who suffered for us, we suffer with the poor, the injured, the sick, the rejected, and the dying. We suffer with those who have been cast to the side of the road in our society: the unborn, the immigrant, the elderly, the mentally ill, and the disabled. Each of us was marked with the sign of Christ's glorious sufferings in our baptism. Every vocation is marked with the blessing of Christ's holy cross. Mothers suffer with and for their children. Fathers suffering with and for their families. Teachers suffer with and for their students. Husbands suffer for their wives, and wives suffer for their husbands. Priests suffer with and for their people, and the holy people of God suffer with and for their priests. We are the neighbours, and we are the people Christ calls us to be when we are willing to suffer with those who suffer.

But we were not the first to suffer. We suffer in union with Christ on the cross. For in truth, we are not the Good Samaritan in the parable. We are the injured man. And Christ our Saviour traveling on the road to the heavenly city of Jerusalem looked and was moved with compassion for each of us. Jesus approached us while we were still sinners. He bathed us in the wine of his blood and anointed us with the oil of gladness. He carried us in his own body and placed us in the inn which is his holy Church. He left the two precious coins of his Word and his Sacraments until his return in glory.

And now, at the altar, we meet him. Our compassionate Saviour meets us in our suffering and gives us eyes to recognize his presence and eyes to recognize those who are suffering. Here we are strengthened to suffer with Christ and for Christ who willing and lovingly and compassionately suffered for us.

# 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:** 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: £1715.80 SECOND OFFERING: Verona Father's Mission Appeal £700.60**

**SECOND OFFERINGS – JULY : 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Apostleship of the Sea**

**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, 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** – 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

**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, 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, 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, Jane Rodrigues Thelma Briggs, Margaret Pearce, Bessie Smith, Brenda Hook, Simon Brennan, Audrey Lam.

# LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL 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 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, 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.



**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)



**END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASSES** – Please note the change of Mass venue and times this week. The end of school year Masses will be this week are **Wednesday 17 July at 9.30am at St Margaret Clitherow School** and **Thursday 18 July at St Joseph's School**.

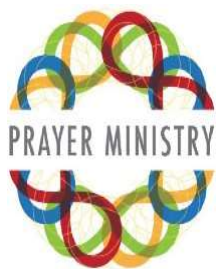
We wish all the staff and pupils of both schools a relaxing, enjoyable and safe summer holiday. The best of luck and many blessings to the pupils who are leaving our schools for the next stage of their education, you will always be in our hearts and prayers.



**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!

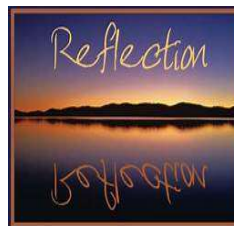
Thank you to all our youth leaders & volunteers for their time and commitment to our young people. We are very blessed to have such a great team. Come and join us...Youth Ministry is challenging, interesting, incredibly rewarding and **FUN**, so why not get involved? Please contact: [youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)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

**BIBLE JOURNALING** - 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**



## PRAYER MINISTRY TRAINING

There will be Prayer Ministry training on **Tuesday 23rd July** from 7 - 9pm, in the Church Hall for all those interested in or currently involved in Prayer Ministry. The Diocese requests that all people who pray with another person for their needs attends this training. If you would like to attend please email Emmy Bieniek at [contemplative@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:contemplative@bracknellcatholicchurch.org) or contact the parish office



## DAYS OF REFLECTION

Our annual days of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word at Douai Abbey will take place **Saturday 21st, Sunday 22nd September** and **Saturday 5th October 2019**. Each day will be from 9:45am to 4pm and more details will follow after you register, closer to the time. Please register online via the Parish website, or notify the Parish office. Time will fly by, so get your preferred day booked as soon as possible as spaces are limited!



**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.

# TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

|          |                  |                |      |                           |
|----------|------------------|----------------|------|---------------------------|
| Saturday | 13 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm         | Mass | Clifford Barnes, RIP      |
| Sunday   | 14 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass | Eileen O'Shaughnessy, RIP |
|          |                  | 10.30am        | Mass | Sarah Davis, RIP          |
| Monday   | 15 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                           |
| Tuesday  | 16 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                           |

## ST BONAVENTURE, Religious, Bishop

|           |                  |         |                                             |                    |
|-----------|------------------|---------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Wednesday | 17 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | <b>Mass at ST MARGARET CLITHEROW SCHOOL</b> |                    |
| Thursday  | 18 <sup>th</sup> | 9.15am  | <b>Mass at ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL</b>           |                    |
| Friday    | 19 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Exposition                                  |                    |
|           |                  | 12.10pm | Mass                                        | Edith D'Souza, RIP |
| Saturday  | 20 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am | Mass                                        |                    |

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

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|----------|------------------|---------|------|----------------------------------------|
| Saturday | 20 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass |                                        |
| Sunday   | 21 <sup>st</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Deceased of D'Cruz & Da Cunha Families |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass | Primula Maynard                        |

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**Wednesday & Thursday: 9.10am Morning Prayer, cancelled for Requiem Mass and No Mass**  
**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.**

**Parish Office: 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 1BE**  
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**Deacon: Rev Aidan Lynch**

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