

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

LISTEN TO THE TEACHER, FOLLOW WHAT HE TEACHES

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The Kingdom of God is coming, and the signs of its arrival are clear. There is a new teaching which is accompanied by new deeds. But Teaching comes first. We welcome the teaching of Jesus and make it our own if we want to move forward. So, when we read that the Twelve were 'given authority over unclean spirits', we are not in an episode of Supernatural or Grimm fairy tales. The Twelve urged communities and individuals to rethink the 'taboos' and restrictions around clean and unclean boundaries. The truth of which they speak is that all need a change of heart and mind. The Twelve, the new leaders of the Twelve tribes of Israel, are sent to create a new community based on a new teaching about true holiness. So instead of fearing what is 'unclean', and pushing people away, they have to have faith, and mirror the God who is Mercy and Compassion. The re-entry of those who have been written off, will only be possible if the whole community have nurtured a new awareness that supports this kind of Kingdom activity.

Jesus teaches disciples and disciples teach others. If they are going to be successful, everything about them needs to be authentic. Disciples must themselves be 'at one' with this new teaching. How we work with others to create a more inclusive sense of community is as important as healing and exorcising. So Jesus gives His disciples a way of working. They must not go it alone but walk with each other. Walking stick and sandals mean that they must not settle down. A single tunic speaks of a confidence in what they bring. Without bread, bag or money, they unite themselves with those in need. Their lack of resources will elicit the compassion that is the foundation stone, indeed the cornerstone, of this new community. Welcoming disciples is the first step to welcoming the One who has sent them. Also, disciples are not to fight with those who do not accept their Kingdom activity. They are not to retaliate. They are to shake the dust on their feet as they go. In this way, those who refuse them will know that God has moved on. There are other people and other places to visit, and the Good News must be preached.

When disciples become an invitation for others to undertake a spiritual adventure, great things happen. We come to see that Jesus is not asking for goals to be reached, but paths to be walked. Paths that will lead us to deeper awareness.

Jack Kornfield tells the story of following the injunction to bow. As a young man, and the only westerner in a Bhuddist monastery in Thailand, he was instructed to bow to every monk that was older than he was. If he respected an older monk, there was no problem. But when he had to bow to some of the others, he struggled. Nevertheless, he bowed. He wrote, "*I began to look for some worthy aspect of each person I bowed to. I bowed to the wrinkles in the retired farmers eyes, for all the difficulties he had suffered and triumphed over. I bowed to the vitality and playfulness of the young monks, the incredible possibilities each of their lives held yet ahead of them*". (After the Ecstasy, the Laundry: How the Heart Grows Wise on the Spiritual Path. ix-xi)

From following the injunction to bow, he learned how to be open to whatever life brings and learn from it. This reminds me of a beautiful poem by Rumi, from The Guest House, in The Illuminated Room.

This being human is a guest house.  
Every morning a new arrival.

A joy, a depression, a meanness,  
some momentary awareness comes  
as an unexpected visitor.

Welcome and entertain them all!  
Even if they're a crowd of sorrows,  
who violently sweep your house empty of its furniture,  
still, treat each guest honourably.  
They may be clearing you out  
for some new delight.

The dark thought, the shame, the malice,  
meet them at the door laughing  
and invite them in.

Be grateful for whoever comes  
because each has been sent  
as a guide from beyond.



Can you see it now? The disciples return with walking stick, sandals and one tunic and still without bread, bag or money. As they tell Jesus what they did and what they taught, He asks them, "Did you lack anything?" They say, "Nothing". "Ah!" He says.

## TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

|          |                  |         |      |                           |
|----------|------------------|---------|------|---------------------------|
| Saturday | 14 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Alice and Paddy Egan, RIP |
| Sunday   | 15 <sup>h</sup>  | 8.30am  | Mass | Parish Intentions         |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass | Kathleen Gallagher, RIP   |
| Monday   | 16 <sup>th</sup> | No Mass |      |                           |

### ST BONAVENTURE, Religious, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

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|----------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>11.15am</b> | <b>Requiem Mass – Nuala Eacott, RIP</b> |                                        |
| Wednesday      | 18 <sup>th</sup>       | 9.30am         | Mass                                    | Maurice Timms, RIP                     |
| Thursday       | 19 <sup>th</sup>       | 9.30am         | Mass                                    | Geraldine O'Connor, RIP                |
| Friday         | 20 <sup>th</sup>       | 9.00am         | Mass at St Joseph's School              |                                        |
|                |                        | 11.00am        | Exposition                              |                                        |
| Saturday       | 21 <sup>st</sup>       | 10.00am        | Mass                                    | Richard, William & Edward Cousins, RIP |

### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

|          |                  |         |      |                    |
|----------|------------------|---------|------|--------------------|
| Saturday | 21 <sup>st</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Emma Flavelle, RIP |
| Sunday   | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Parish Intentions  |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass | James Holleran     |



*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.*

**Parish Office: 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 1BE**

**Monday – Friday 9.30am-2.30pm**

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

# DID YOU KNOW...?



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Midday on Tuesdays**, please email any items to [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED** – The parish office will be closed on **Wednesday 18 July** and on **Friday 20 July** for diocesan staff training.

## DEACONS

Leading through Serving.

**WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH DEACON** – Rev. Aidan Lynch has been appointed by Bishop Philip to minister in our parish. He will be formally introduced to the community at all Masses this weekend. Please give him a warm welcome and your prayers as he walks with us and ministers to us.

**CHANGE OF MASS TIMES FOR FRIDAY 20 JULY 2018** – Mass will be at **9.00am** at St Joseph's School, all are welcome. **No Mass at 12.10pm. Exposition will be at 11.00am no change.**



Anointing of the Sick

**MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING** – On the last **Friday** of the month, Anointing of the Sick will be part of the 12.10pm Mass 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.



**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.

**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.



**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.



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR – JULY: 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Bridget of Sweden; 25<sup>th</sup> St. James; 26<sup>th</sup> Ss. Joachim and Anne; 31<sup>st</sup> St. Ignatius of Loyola.**

**AUGUST: 1<sup>st</sup> St Alphonsus Liguori; 3<sup>rd</sup> St Ethelwold; 4<sup>th</sup> St John Vianney; 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; 11<sup>th</sup> St Clare; 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.**

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE** – Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays 7.45pm to 9.30pm in the Church Hall.

**TODDLER GROUP** – Closed until early September.

**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 27 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:** £1988.92. Second Offering: **Apostleship of the Sea** £147.46

**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.**



**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, Liliyan Rodenburg, Robert Mulcahy, Eddie Moore, Peggy Pendergast, Ann Newton, Joyce Newland, Barbara Simpson, 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, 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

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



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:** Nuala Eacott, RIP whose Requiem Mass will take place on **Tuesday 17 July 2018** at 11:15am at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church.

*May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



**WE WELCOME INTO OUR COMMUNITY:** Charlotte Jade Mitchell who will be baptised on **Saturday 14 July**. Please pray for Charlotte and her family that they will be surrounded by God's love.



**CAR PARK NEW WINDOW STICKERS** – The new purple window stickers are available from the parish office, please call in during office open times to collect your sticker, the pink stickers are now invalid.

The 2018/2019 car park subscription forms are available in the porch for renewals and new subscriptions. Subscribers who have not renewed are no longer on the system. If you have a Disability Blue Badge the car park is free but a new subscription form must be completed and returned to the parish office in order to continue or start your membership. In accordance with new GDPR guidelines all 2017 subscription forms will be shredded.



**Big Clearance Sale** of Shop items begins on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Many items reduced. Come and grab yourself a bargain!



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** – Will be held at St Francis of Assisi, Coronation Road, Ascot, SL5 9HG on Sunday 15 July 2018 at 2.30pm. All are welcome.



**TEA & COFFEE TEAM** - Volunteers are needed for Saturday evening Fairtrade teas and coffees after 6.00pm Mass. Our current volunteer rota is once a month. If we had one or two more volunteers the rota would be every 5 or 6 weeks. It's a great opportunity to get to know others in the parish. If you are interested, please have a chat to one of the volunteers in the hall after Mass to find out more or contact the parish office.



**SAVE THE DATE! Sunday 22 July 2018.** Including a Barbeque and Magic Show! More details to follow. If you'd like to help in any way, contact Edmund on [e.a.carroll@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:e.a.carroll@hotmail.co.uk)



**CONFIRMATION JOURNEY** - In Baptism, we are all given to God. In Confirmation we begin His work. Are you ready? If you are in Year 9 or above and are interested in joining the Confirmation Journey, please register via the parish website: [www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/confirmation2019.html](http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/confirmation2019.html)

Pilgrimage



**PILGRIMAGE** to Our Lady's Shrine, Banneux, Belgium, for the 85th Anniversary of the Apparitions and Feast of the Assumption, **11-16 August 2018**. A coach will leave from St. Edmund Campion Church, Maidenhead. Accommodation and full board (including travel): staying at the Hotel Halleux is £435 and staying at the Hospitalité is £320. The Hospitalité is for pilgrims who are sick, disable or elderly. If you are interested and you would like

more information or to reserve a place, please contact Father Liam, priest at St. Edmund Campion Church. His phone number is: 07776580596 or email him on [lcummins@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lcummins@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



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.

### 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;  
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