

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

**GOING DEEPER**

**10 February 2019 – Order of Mass Page 7 - Mass Book Page 135 - Psalter Week 1**

**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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St. Luke notices how eager the crowds are to hear the word of God. So eager, in fact, that they are pressing Jesus into the sea. Jesus reaches for higher ground and finds it on a boat. But will those who are so eager for the word allow themselves to be captivated by it? Will it illuminate their lives and change the way they think and act? Will they allow the Light of the World to move them from darkness to light?

The Word must be heard and then integrated. The fishermen wash their nets and put out a little from the shore. This is step one. In the second, deeper encounter, the nets will be let down into the depths of the sea. Simon will be invited to move away from the shore and put out into deep water. I guess, in the end, it's a choice we all have to make; to meet Jesus on our own terms or on His.

When Jesus has finished His teaching, He invites Simon and the others to experience it for themselves. How will they make it their own? Jesus gives, what looks on the surface like a simple instruction. But, in reality, the journey which draws us to go deep inside ourselves (put out into deep water) and wait to receive (let down your net for a catch) isn't as easy as it sounds! These disciples have never had any success with these directions. They have tried them and only experienced the absence of light (darkness) and emptiness (caught nothing). Yet Simon calls Jesus 'Master' and he will have to trust that Jesus knows what He is doing. Simon is classically obedient and dubious - just like us.



And what does he come to understand? Only that trusting and following Jesus leads to abundance and fullness. If we risk opening our hearts to God, God will move in us. The disciples are replete with God's presence - their nets filled to breaking point -. They are overcome, and Simon, so deeply aware of his own smallness and fragility and now the huge generosity of God, feels dwarfed by the experience. He cannot celebrate the gift and joins a very long line of quaking humans.

More teaching is required. Simon is wrong to be afraid. If his experience of God makes him tremble and crushes him down; if he wraps his arms around the knees of Jesus, he must have fallen in his own knees. Simon cannot kiss the fullness he has received so he wants it to go away. This is not what Jesus wants. So, helping Simon to stand on his feet, Jesus instructs him not to be afraid. Instead, he must use what he has experienced to bring others to God. As Jesus has caught him, he is to catch others. Fear must give way to adventure and creativity. So they bring their fullness back to the shore. They leave behind everything they used to do (be afraid) and dedicate themselves to a spectacular catch of women and men. The Word has been heard, understood, integrated and acted upon. Or .....

Once upon a time, a boat arrived at the shore creaking with fish. The crowds were waiting. They gathered around Peter and slapped him on the back. "Peter, you sly dog! You knew where the fish were all the time and didn't let on. You are, without a doubt, the greatest fisherman in all of Galilee".

But Peter was strangely silent. He only said, "Share the catch with everyone". After that he said nothing. But later that evening in the local pub, with bread and wine between them, Peter looked across the table at the Lord Jesus and said, "Go away from me. I wanted the fish to be over them, not with them. I wanted the fish to rule them, not feed them. You go away from me. I am a sinful man". Jesus only smiled back at Peter. It was not the smile of the sly fox but the smile that moves the sun and the stars. He had no intention of going away. There were other fish to catch.

# 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 SOULS OF:

**MICHAEL JOHN HOWLETT, RIP** whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Wednesday 13 February 2019** at 9.15am, followed by a Service at 11.15pm at Easthampstead Park Crematorium. Please pray for Michael and all his family.

**JAMES FRANCIS McHALE, RIP** whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Thursday 14 February 2019** at 12.00 noon, followed by a Service at 2.00pm at Easthampstead Park Cemetery. Please pray for James and all his family.

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



**FR ADRIAN WALKER, RIP** – Fr Adrian died peacefully at Frimley Park Hospital on 24 January after being admitted the previous day. Fr Adrian was born in August 1931 and ordained to the Priesthood in 1960, he retired from full-time ministry in 2004 and then delighted us with celebrating our Masses as a supply Priest. His Requiem Mass is celebrated on **Wednesday 20 February 2019** at 1200 noon at St Joseph's Church, Cookham road, Maidenhead SL6 7EG.

**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 – FEBRUARY:** 11<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Lourdes; 14<sup>th</sup> Ss Cyril & Methodius; 22<sup>nd</sup> The Chair of St Peter; 23<sup>rd</sup> St Polycarp.

**MASS OFFERINGS: £1583.28**

**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.

**SECOND OFFERINGS FOR FEBRUARY: 16/17<sup>th</sup> RACIAL JUSTICE** – please take a prayer card from the porch.



**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,

**OFS** - Next meeting **Saturday 16 February 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 1200noon**.



## 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, 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.....



### SACRISTAN

**MINISTRY OF SACRISTAN** – This is a most beautiful Ministry within our Church. It is to prepare and, or, clear, the Altar and Sanctuary of the sacred items of the Holy Mass. The sacred items are cleaned and returned to the secure holding place in the Sacristy. A Sacristan should have a joyful willingness to serve with reverence and humility. We need to expand our teams for all the weekend and weekday Masses. If you feel a calling to join this wonderful Ministry please contact the parish office only [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or phone 01344 425729, an induction and full training will be provided.

**MINISTRY OF WELCOME** - A warm and friendly welcome to everyone as they enter our church is at the very heart of our mission to foster belonging and community. If you would like to join our great team of Welcomers at the 8:30am Sunday Mass, please speak to Mary McNab or email [bracknellpa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bracknellpa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE HOUSEBOUND** - Eucharistic Ministers, who assist Fr Danny in ensuring that Holy Communion can be taken to the sick and housebound in our parish community, are invited to attend **10am Mass on Saturday 23 February followed by a workshop from 11.15am - 12.15pm in the hall.** Anyone, who feels called to minister to the sick and housebound and wants to find out more, is also invited to attend. If you then wish to proceed, you will need to go through the Diocesan safeguarding process, if you haven't already done so, have a DBS certificate in place and have attended Diocesan Safeguarding Training before beginning your ministry. For more information please contact [pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)



**PASTORAL CARE** - Are you ill or otherwise unable to come to church? Do you know someone who is? Please contact the Pastoral Care team through the parish office on 01344 425729, email [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) OR email [pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org) to arrange a visit. 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. It could also be to receive Holy Communion or bereavement support.



**WHEN IN HOSPITAL** - We are very blessed to have Catholic Priests and other Chaplains who minister at our hospitals: Wexham Park, Frimley Park, Heatherwood and the Royal Berkshire. The Chaplaincy team is only permitted to visit patients who have asked to see the Chaplain. If you wish to receive a visit, please ensure that staff are made aware of this immediately. Priests and Chaplaincy team members cannot visit if you do not inform the hospital of your wishes. Your own parish family will also want to pray for you at this time, so consider letting us know what is happening well in advance, if possible, by contacting the parish office tel 01344 425729 email [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) OR email [pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)



**AWARE AND CARE** - Are you aware of someone who usually sits near you at Mass who is no longer coming to Mass? They may be ill. Please mention your concern to one of the Welcoming team or the Senior Leadership team at Mass or contact [pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)



**CREDIT UNION ARRIVES IN BRACKNELL** - If you would like to find out more about what the credit union can offer, then why not visit the contact point opening here, in the porch shop at 10am every Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Details of their opening times are on the flyers in the porch and in the parish newsletter. Please take as many flyers as you can distribute and join us in spreading the word about the help and support available to anyone who wants to better manage their finances.  
**Please note: The Credit Union Teams will be using the Church Shop room for Credit Union meetings only, no shop purchases can be made during these times.**



**JOURNEY IN FAITH** - Thursday evenings from 7.30 – 9 pm in the hall. This is a group for people wanting to deepen their understanding of our faith. We will study and reflect upon the following Sunday's readings and explore aspects of the Catholic faith. Everyone is welcome, especially those who are considering joining the Church. No commitment - just come along to see if this is something that could support you on your faith journey. For more information contact [bracknellpa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bracknellpa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**IGNITE! (age 10-12)**- Next meeting – **Friday 1 March 2019**, 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the hall  
**ABLAZE! (age +13)** – Next meeting – **Friday 8 March 2019**, 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the hall.  
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** - You are invited to CAFOD meetings on **Monday 18 February** 7:15pm to 9pm, Christ the King Church 408 Northumberland Avenue Reading RG2 8NR. Sally Kitchener CAFOD's writer for the Communications Team will talk about her recent visit to CAFOD's projects in Bangladesh, an opportunity to explore the resources for **Lent Fast Day on Friday 15 March**. Also, **Tuesday 5 March** 7:15pm - 9pm at St Joseph's Church London Road Newbury RG14 1JP Kezia Harrow our Step into the Gap Volunteer will talk about her recent trip to CAFOD's projects in the Holy Land. Everyone's welcome, please book your place by emailing [portsmouth@caofd.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@caofd.org.uk) or call 01252 329385

## TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

|                  |                        |                  |                                                 |                                  |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Saturday         | 9 <sup>th</sup>        | 6.00pm           | Mass                                            | Jane Rodrigues                   |
| Sunday           | 10 <sup>th</sup>       | 8.30am           | Mass                                            | Bill Docherty, RIP               |
|                  |                        | 10.30am          | Mass                                            | Cesar and Maxima Camba, RIP      |
| Monday           | 11 <sup>th</sup>       | <b>No Mass</b>   |                                                 |                                  |
| Tuesday          | 12 <sup>th</sup>       | <b>No Mass</b>   |                                                 |                                  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>13<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>9.15am</b>    | <b>Requiem Mass – Michael John Howlett, RIP</b> |                                  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>14<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>12.00noon</b> | <b>Requiem Mass – James Francis McHale, RIP</b> |                                  |
| Friday           | 15 <sup>th</sup>       | 11.00am          | Exposition                                      |                                  |
|                  |                        | 12.10pm          | Mass                                            | Edith and Anastazia D'Souza, RIP |
| Saturday         | 16 <sup>th</sup>       | 10.00am          | Mass                                            | Thomas O'Brien, RIP              |

### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

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|----------|------------------|---------|------|-----------------------------------|
| Saturday | 16 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Simon Randal, RIP                 |
| Sunday   | 17 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Parish Intentions                 |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass | Jean-Marc and Ted Bouchereau, 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 9.30am Pro-Life Rosary.**  
**Confessions: Every Saturday at 10.45am or prior appointment.**

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**Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9.30am-2.30pm**

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**Deacon: Rev Aidan Lynch**

**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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