

THE YEAR OF SAINT MATTHEW ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

MAKING THE WORLD A MORE INTERESTING PLACE

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

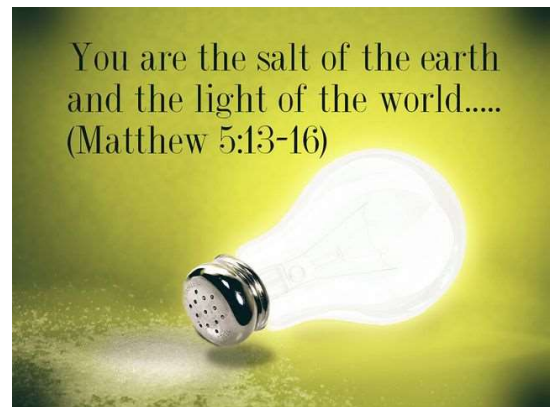
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When I was about seven, my granny took us to Saltcoats, the holiday Mecca of the west coast of Scotland. It was mid-summer and still an icy gale swept from the North Pole over the sunbathers who shivered behind their windbreakers! My first trip to the beach, I dashed towards the sea and ran straight into an underwater hole. I sank like a corpse and managed to swallow what felt like a gallon of water. I can still taste it to this day. Too much salt, too much salt.

Isaiah's poetic prophecy in today's first reading is beautiful but it lacked maturity as it only applied to people in the community. I've always thought that one of the marks of any genuine spirituality is the wideness of its embrace. I become suspicious the moment I hear the language of exclusion, whether that is of individuals or groups. Exclusions create control, heightened security and territory that needs to be defended.

The Divine Teacher, on the other hand, situates His disciples in another place. You are the salt of the earth! You are the light of the World! We are something and we may not know it. When this happens, people lose their flavour. There is nothing to savour. It gets trampled underfoot. Jesus seeks to convince us of our high value. He cuts through any sense of self that cripples and halts - I am a sinner - I'm no good - I'm useless - I lack the skill etc. He fixes a new truth in the minds and hearts of His disciples. Hot on the heels of this compliment there is




a warning which is meant to strengthen our freedom to be the salt that we are. We are here for the benefit of the earth. He calls us to bring zest, meaning and light to all.

Over the last few weeks, we have lost some wonderful members of our community. It was important to family members that they are remembered as people who made the world a better place. I guess we would all like people to say that when our own time comes. But what if people were to say, after we are gone, that the world has become a less interesting place! We were a shot of zest, adding just the right amount of salt to every bland situation. I wonder if something gets lost when we limit our understanding of salt and light to just good works. We seldom think of it as meaning creative engagement with a wily world. Yet the people of salt and light are called to be visionaries who are not afraid to try something new. If the experiment fails, we don't retreat to our old ways but find even more creative energy to address the situation before us. Think Big. Think New. Think Creative.

Teilhard de Chardin once wrote that he was afraid that people would lose their zest and passion for the coming to be of the world. He noted that if we do not find this drive in ourselves, we have not yet searched the full depth of our heart and mind. Perhaps we are afraid of what we might find there. Jesus reminds us that we have no need to be afraid. No need to be afraid!

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



PASTORAL CARE/BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT CONTACT MOBILE NUMBER - Our Pastoral Care team and Bereavement Support Group, offers support and home visits to the sick, the housebound, the lonely and the bereaved. We 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 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.

PARISH REGISTER – Have you registered you and/or your family on the parish register yet? If not, please go to the website www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org drop down “Parish Life” and click on “Parish Registration”, this is a secure database and very important for our parish and parishioners especially when applying for any of the Sacraments.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR – February: 10th St Scholastica, 11th Our Lady of Lourdes, 14th St Cyril & St Methodius, 22nd The Chair of St Peter, 26th **ASH WEDNESDAY**.



Thank You!!!

MASS OFFERINGS: £2490.59

SECOND OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY: 8th/9th Racial Justice

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY

Please make cheques payable to (full name) **“PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph”**.

“General Gift Aid” envelopes and **Banker’s/Standing Order** forms available in the porch, please complete and return all forms and general Gift Aid envelopes to the parish office.

Registered Charity No. 246871 (Diocese of Portsmouth)

GOSPEL CHALLENGE: 2nd & 4th Mondays 7.45pm-9:30pm. Please contact the parish office for venue details.

***BABY & TODDLER GROUP:** Every Tuesday 9:30am-11:30am during term time in the hall.

***KEEP FIT:** Every Tuesday 2pm during term time in the hall.

***PRAYER GROUPS:** Hall Evening :1st/3rd Tuesdays 7.45pm to 9.30pm. Day: 1st/3rd Wednesdays 10.30- 11.30am

RCIA: Thursdays 7:30pm-9pm in the hall.

***Cancelled for “Requiem Mass” and “No Mass”**

CHOIR PRACTICE: Thursdays 7:30pm-8:30pm in the church. All are welcome.

***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.**

***SOUP & ROLL FRIDAYS:** Every Friday after 12.10pm Mass

***Cancelled for “Requiem Mass” and “No Mass”**

TEAS & COFFEES: After all weekend Masses

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Sunday 19 January 2.30 pm at St Francis of Assisi, Ascot.



BERKSHIRE CREDIT UNION CONTACT POINTS AND DATES: Come along and have a chat with a trained volunteer at one of the locations points:

Mondays: 11.30am – 1.30pm: St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1BE **AND By Appointment:** St Paul’s Church, The Square, Ralphs Ride, RG12 9LP

Tuesdays: 12noon – 2.00pm: St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1BE

For more information, please contact Reception 01189-585803 or email reception.cslberks.org.uk Monday-Friday 10am to 2pm

Wednesdays: By appointment Crown Wood School, Opladen Way, Bracknell RG12 OPE

Thursdays: By appointment Holy Trinity Church, The Langley Hall, The Ring, Bracknell RG12 1HD **AND 1.30pm – 3.30pm** The Look-In Café, Gt Hollands Square, RG12 8UX

Fridays: 12noon – 2.00pm St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, RG12 1BE

Last Friday of the Month: 9.00am to 3.00pm Market, Princess Square, Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1BE



SOUTH BERKSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

Co-ordinating Pastor: Fr Danny McAvoy, St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, Bracknell, RG12 1BE 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

Canon Simon Thomson, Corpus Christi, Wokingham, RG40 2HE Tel: 0118 9780348

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, Peter Dossett, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, Eddie Moore, Peggy Pendergast, Ann Newton, Joyce Newland, Bridie Maughan, Angelina Ediale, Josephine Timms, 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 Torode, Dorcas Innes-Grant, Veronika Jastrzebski, Doreen Gladwin, Jerry Tobin, Rico Morales, Reynalita Leysan, Marie Hughes, Jenny Bashford, Phyllis D’Souza, Donal Hanley, Jim and Frances McEvoy, Mary Murray, Thelma Briggs, Margaret Pearce, Brenda Hook, Simon Brennan, Audrey Lam, Pam Savage, Marie Swash, Terri Landmann, Jennie Tucker, Vilma Taborda, Zac Hoy, Terry and Mary Brennan

If you would like to add a name to this list with consent, or if you want a name removed, please contact the Parish Office.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....

FR DANNY UPDATE: The dentist has advised Fr Danny that he has a very deep infection and has prescribed very strong antibiotics which will make him feel even more unwell, therefore, weekday Masses are cancelled until further notice. This weekend Fr Zachary Mabee will be celebrating the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday and Fr John Paul Lyttle will be celebrating 8.30am and 10.30am Masses on Sunday, please give Fr Zachary and Fr John Paul a warm welcome to the parish. Please keep Fr Danny in your prayers.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF: DAVID MALCOLMSON, RIP

David's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Wednesday 12 February 2020 at 10.30am** followed by a Service at Parkside Cemetery, Gerrards Cross at 1.00pm
Please pray for David and all his family.

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF: PAULINE McSHANE, RIP

Arrangements for Pauline's funeral will be made known as soon as they are confirmed.
Please pray for Pauline and all her family.

May her 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 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.



YOUTH ALPHA - (ages 13-17):

Next meeting **Friday 28th February (after half term)** in the Church Hall from 7pm to 9pm

IGNITE! Youth Group - (ages 10-12) :

Join us for our next meeting on **Friday 14th February** in the Church Hall - 7pm to 9pm

GAP YEAR?

Are you aged 18-30? Why not 'Step into the Gap' with CAFOD. Applications are open now for some amazing home and abroad GAP year opportunities starting in September 2020. See the CAFOD website for more details:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/CAFOD-Gap-year>

For more details about any of our youth activities please email us at youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org

ASH WEDNESDAY – 26 February 2020: Times of Masses 1200 noon and 7.30pm



CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Restarting at 8.30am Sunday Mass after Easter

Thank you to everyone who have volunteered. However, we still need many more volunteers if we are to maintain Children's Liturgy at the 10:30 Mass and provide this wonderful ministry for the younger members of our 8:30 Mass congregation. Our plans are to have everything in place to begin Children's Liturgy at 8:30 Mass after Easter but we can only hope do this with your help and support...

Please contact youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org for details of how to volunteer for this wonderful work and support the younger members of our Parish community. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED - The parish is looking for volunteers to count the offerings after the 10:30 Mass on Sundays. This is an important role and if you are happy working with numbers and are willing to commit 1-2 hours for this task every 4 or 5 weeks please contact the parish office.

INVITATION FROM BISHOP PHILIP TO ALL ENGAGED COUPLES

If you are under instruction preparing for marriage in church in 2020, either in UK or abroad, Bishop Philip invites you to a special Engaged Couples Breakfast and Blessing at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth on **Saturday 15th February 2020** at 9.15am to 11.45am, please contact Kirsten McGuire on kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for an attendance form.

REQUEST FOR ROOM: The SVP is assisting a single gentleman (non-smoker) to find suitable, affordable accommodation – preferably a single room in a family home within walking distance of Bracknell town centre. If you can help, please contact the SVP on 07731862349. Thank you.

SINGING FOR JOY

We are a parish singing group sharing the love of Christ, through song, to the local Care Homes, all are welcome to join us at the following venues and dates:

ASTBURY MANOR, RG12 7AU: Sunday 8 March at 2.15pm

BRACKNELL CARE HOME, RG12 7DN: Wednesdays 26 February; 11 March and 1 April at 1.45pm

CLEMENT HOUSE, RG12 2GH: Sundays 23 February and 19 April at 2.15pm

EDMUNDS COURT, RG12 2HP: 25 March at 2.15pm

DEMENTIA FRIENDS: If you would like to become a Dementia Friend, there is a Dementia Friends Information Session on **Wednesday 11 March at 11am** in the Church Hall.



CHRISM MASS, CATHEDRAL PORTSMOUTH – Tuesday 7 April 2020 at 11.00am at the Cathedral. We want to offer a "mobility impaired" accessible coach for able-bodied and mobility impaired parishioners who wish to attend this beautiful Mass. **Meet at St Josephs at 7.30am to leave at 8.00am prompt, arriving back at 4pm.** We will only book this coach if there are enough parishioners signed up to travel on the coach, please contact the parish office on 01344 425729 or email stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk **closing date Friday 14 February to put your name on the coach passenger list.** No charge but donations are very welcome as the coach is expensive, please make your donation to the parish office by 31 March.

40 DAYS OF LIFE: An Introductory event on **Sunday 16 February** at St William of York Church, Reading, RG1 5JP 2pm to 5pm, all are welcome, **RSVP to 40daysforlifereading@gmail.com** if you can come.

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday	8 th	6.00pm	Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	9 th	8.30am	Mass	Bill Docherty, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Tess and Ernie Johnson, RIP
Monday	10 th	No Mass		
Tuesday	11 th	No Mass		
Wednesday	12th	10.30am	REQUIEM MASS – David Malcolmson, RIP	
Thursday	13 th	No Mass		
Friday	14 th	No Mass		
Saturday	15 th	No Mass		

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Saturday	16 th	6.00pm	Mass	Regina O’Kelly, RIP
Sunday	17 th	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Private Intention

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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: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 9.30am Pro-Life Rosary  
Confessions: Every Saturday at 10.45am or prior appointment*

**THESE WILL BE CANCELLED FOR “REQUIEM MASS AND “NO MASS”**

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

*Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:30am-2:30pm*

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*Please make cheques payable to (full name): PRCDTR BRACKNELL ST JOSEPH*

*Parish Priest: Fr. Daniel McAvoy*

*Deacon: Rev. Aidan Lynch*

*Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Fisher*

*Pastoral Assistant: Mary McNab*

*Safeguarding Representatives: Sarah Birch, Marion McGuire, Paula Read*

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