

THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE
THE YEAR OF THE RELENTLESS WIDOW
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

RECOMMENDED INGREDIENTS FOR AUTHENTIC LOVING

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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.

As Judas leaves to set in motion the events that will lead to the death of Jesus, there is no attempt to stop him. Instead, he is invited to act with haste. It is clear that Jesus understands His death as central to the purposes of God. Jesus is so completely at one with this purpose than the departure of Judas is like an overture to His exclamation.

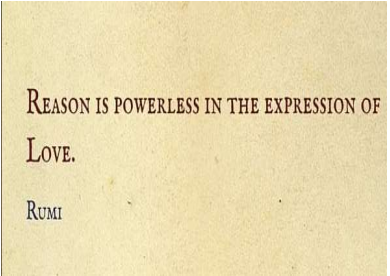
It is clear, step one, that Jesus sees His death as a glorification and as a revelation of what divine love will do to save those who are lost. This revelation retells the truth about who Jesus really is: the One who is lifted up for all to see and who draws all people to Himself. In this one action he will reveal the truth about God, as a self-giving flow of life and of love to his children in their most frightening moment - the moment of their death. The twofold revelation of the Son of Man and of His Father strengthen each other. Their unity expressed and celebrated as mutual glorification.

It is also clear that the death of Jesus will change the bonds of Love which have grown between Him and His disciples. But it isn't simply that it is His time and not theirs. Rather, He is moving ahead of them, pioneering the way. This is why St. Paul refers to Him as first-born from the dead. (Col.1:18-19)

Finally, Jesus sees His dying as the supreme expression of the Love He has been talking about from the beginning. As He lays down His life for His sheep (Jn.10:15) He creates a new Commandment. The world of His disciples is rocked when they are lifted far outside their human inability to love God and their neighbour, into a first love that flows through the person of Jesus. The new Commandment is an invitation to recognise and remember the Son of Man who joins us in our deepest fears and sustains us in our greatest losses.

This new beginning - God loving us without regret, without end and to breaking point - requires a huge shift in the imagination of every disciple. Consider this insight from James Mackey,

"I simply will not feel my own life, my own self, as grace of gift of God, unless someone values me ... I may see, at first blush, this stands the whole logic of the reign of God on its head... The logic should surely read: first feel all life and existence as grace, and then feel inspired to be gracious to others. Not, first feel the grace of some human presence, feel forgiven, accepted, served then begin to feel all life and existence as grace, and feel inspired to be gracious to others. But it is really a universal human idiosyncrasy that is operative here, not a matter of logic... Most of us can only sense ourselves and our world valued and cherished by God when we feel valued and cherished by others".
(Jesus: The Man and the Myth [Mahwah, NJ: Paulist, 1970]170)



In other words, we come to know and love Sacredness through our humanity. This is the colossal insight of the New Commandment. If disciples can keep faith with the memory of what Jesus has done. If they can aspire to uphold and live a kind of loving that springs from the heart of God's Heart, the presence of Jesus will be eternally available to them. And when other people witness and experience the disciples of Jesus upholding the primacy of Sacred Love in all things, they will be drawn to the well from which it springs. Love will be the tip off that we are disciples of Jesus.

I imagine that every home is filled with loves reminders. There might be photographs of people we have loved and lost. There may be other objects which, worth next to nothing should they be presented at the antiques road show, hold immeasurable richness of the Love that we have grown and shared with others. Some of us may even have a crucifix to remind us of the gift of that 'first love' which flows through Jesus. Most of the time we may take their presence for granted. But every now and again they call to us to pause and remember moments of joy and laughter or moments of prayer.

But the cross of Jesus should be a unique and priceless treasure in every disciples home. We belong to a community and to a tradition which has carried the memory of Jesus through time and space so that we can touch it and make it our own. This is the legacy of people who tried their best to live in the Love that does not fail. When they stumbled and fell, they found their way to forgiveness and started again. The community to which I belong has bridged the centuries from the time of Jesus so that He can speak to my own heart.

We have this gift and we also have the gift of Sacred Scripture. Both are needed if we are to remember the love of Jesus and His Commandment that we should uphold the primacy of Love in all things and bring Love to bear on every violation of Love which we meet along the way. Whenever two or three people are gathered by this truth, an indestructible community is formed. We call this 'the church'. But what I am beginning to see more clearly is this. Remembering the love of Jesus so that we can love one another takes a home and a heart big enough to hold the photographs of cherished family, friends and even pets, and allowing them to stand side by side with the cross.

DID YOU KNOW...?



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Midday on Tuesdays, please email any item text you need to make known to the parish via the newsletter to stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED – The parish office will be closed May Bank Holiday: Monday 27 May 2019.



PASTORAL CARE CONTACT MOBILE NUMBER - 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. To request a visit email pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org or ring **07394 440 938**



LITURGICAL CALENDAR – MAY: 13th Our Lady of Fatima; 14th St Matthias; 25th St Bede the Venerable; 27th St Augustine of Canterbury; **30th The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation);** 31st The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

MASS OFFERINGS: £2121.27.80 SECOND OFFERING: Clergy Training Fund: **£177.81**

SECOND OFFERINGS – JUNE: 1st/2nd Catholic Communications Network; 15th/16th Day for Life; 29th/30th Peter's Pence

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.

**THE SHOP WILL BE OPEN EVERY SECOND SATURDAY EACH MONTH 5.30pm - 7.00pm
AND EVERY SUNDAY 9.30am – 10.30am**

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SO VERY MUCH

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
in the hall during term time.

KEEP FIT – Every Tuesday 2pm-3pm in the hall

PRAYER GROUPS – Hall Evening : 1st/3rd Tuesdays 7.45pm to
9.30pm. Day: 1st/3rd 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 8 June 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.csiberks.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 1200 noon.



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 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 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.....

SACRE - A Catholic Representative is needed for the Bracknell Forest Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) group

- Are you interested in young people and their education? • Are you open to sharing your faith with other people?
 - Are you interested in what others believe? • Could you act as a bridge between the Church and the schools in your area? .
- For further information or to express an interest please speak to Fr Danny or contact the parish office



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR PARISH - We need volunteers to become involved in the life of our Parish by joining some of our ministries, groups and activities, especially brass cleaning, Welcoming, Sacristans, Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word, after Mass Tea & Coffee Teams, First Aiders and Fire Marshalls. The commitment should be monthly if we have enough volunteers. Please contact the parish office to volunteer or to discuss any of these important ministries.

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

Urgent help needed for servicing the pews packs after the 6.00pm & 10.30pm weekend Masses, please contact the parish office if you wish to volunteer to help repack and restock the pew packs for our young parishioners



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION This year the children will be receiving First Holy Communion at all weekend Masses (including Saturday morning Mass) from **Saturday 18 May 2019** onwards. They will be with their families in small groups to celebrate receiving this beautiful Sacrament. Please pray for them and their families.



DEMENTIA FRIENDS - During this Dementia Action Week **20th-26th May** why not become a Dementia Friend?

Everyone is welcome to come along to the parish hall at 11am on **Wednesday 22nd May** for a 45 minute information session and learn more about dementia and the small ways in which you can make a difference. To find out more go to www.dementiafriends.org.uk or email pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND - Park

Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham, near Fareham is hosting a Marriage Encounter weekend from **Friday 24th to Sunday 26th May**. An opportunity for married couples, all ages to deepen and enrich their relationship. This is not marriage counselling or crisis solving but a residential weekend away from the distractions of daily life which many thousands of couples in this country have found to be the best thing they did since getting married. Interested? Please go to <https://wwme.org.uk/marriage-enrichment/#about> or phone 02380 275401.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday 30 May 2019

Mass times: 12.00 noon and 7.30pm



JOINT YOUTH GROUP SOCIAL EVENT - ABLAZE! (age +13) and IGNITE! (age 10-12)

Friday 7 June – Outdoor Adventure Raft Building
For details, please contact the Youth Ministry Team

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



VOCATION SEEKING EVENING – Is the Holy Spirit prompting you to consider a new trajectory? The Diocesan Vocation Seeker Group meets monthly on the first Friday for food, prayer, reflection and friendship starting **Friday 7 June**, 7pm-9pm at Sacred Heart Church, 41-43 Portland Street, Fareham, PO16 0NF or contact Fr John Cooke, vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



CATHOLIC VOICES – Is an organisation which seeks to inform people about issues currently affecting the Church and also equipping them to explain the Church's teaching in discussion. This season of presentations will begin with a 'Workshop Day' on 'How to defend the Faith without raising your voice', on **Saturday 8 June** at the Immaculate Conception Church, Yorktown Road, Sandhurst GU47 9BS from 11.00am to 3.00pm. After that the programme will be a series of talks from 7.30-8.30pm on the following evenings:

Monday 10 June – Never again: The legacy of clerical sexual abuse

Tuesday 18 June – Freedom and Equality: partners, not rivals

Wednesday 26 June – The Church on the Frontier: populations and the migrant crisis

Thursday 4 July – Lights at the end of the road: resisting assisted suicide



THE TIME IS NOW!

"The earth, our home is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth" Pope Francis. In his encyclical *Laudato Si'* Care for our Common Home Pope Francis urges us to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and to take action. Climate Change is the biggest threat to our planet, and we are calling on everyone to tell their MPs that the time to act is NOW! Please join us on **Wednesday 26th June** for the **Time is Now** Lobby of Parliament. For more information and to sign up go to <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/Climate-lobby>

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

Saturday	18 th	6.00pm	Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	19 th	8.30am	Mass	Anthony Nunes, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Doreen O'Connor
Monday	20 th	No Mass		
Tuesday	21 st	No Mass		
Wednesday	22 nd	No Mass		
Thursday	23 rd	9.30am	Mass	John Baptist Robinson, RIP (Foundation)
Friday	24 th	11.00am	Exposition	
		12.10pm	Mass	

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Saturday	25 th	10.00am	Mass	Very Sick Sister, May Piddock and Husband Rod-0
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

Saturday	25 th	6.00pm	Mass	Molly and Christy Campbell, RIP
Sunday	26 th	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Sofia Umpad Quiseo, RIP

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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: 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**

**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 (Director of Evangelisation): Mary McNab**

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

**Safeguarding email: [safeguarding@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:safeguarding@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)**

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