

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

KNOWING WHO YOU ARE

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

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Jesus has just been baptised in the river Jordan and has heard a voice from heaven saying, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased' (Matt 3,17). But what does it mean to be the Beloved Son? The devil will have a few suggestions, but it is the Spirit who leads Jesus into this encounter with the devil. This 'testing' will serve The Spirits agenda and will deepen Jesus' understanding and commitment. The Tester first suggests that, as Beloved Son of God, Jesus should always be 'full'. And if he likes he can suspend any law he likes to make this happen. Jesus rejects the connection between being physically filled and being spiritually loved. Hungry or full, he will still be the Beloved Son. Empty, he will still be the Beloved Son.

Engraved on the pinnacle of the Temple are the wings of an eagle. As the wings of a mother eagle catch her young when they flutter in their first attempt to fly, the Tempter suggests that God will lift us his Beloved Son whenever he falls. As Beloved Son, Jesus will always be safe. The devil even quotes Scripture to bolster his case. He wants Jesus to presume on divine love and toy with danger. But Jesus thinks this way of thinking is ridiculous. You don't put yourself in danger so God can protect you. In the course of Jesus life, he will not be safe but neither will he waiver in his conviction that God loves him. Hurt, he will still be the Beloved Son.

So, for now, the devil plays his final card. He offers Jesus unlimited power over others. The price tag is that Jesus will fall on his knees and worship the devil. But Jesus is a Jew of the First Commandment and he rejects the Tempter and his seductive offer. Now, Jesus will have no political power and influence in the Kingdoms of the world. Powerless, he will still be the Beloved Son.



Temptations, like the ones above wait to ambush all of us in some way. They get to make the first move and can look like they are running the show. It's only on the third go that Jesus finds the strength to tell the devil to get lost. And isn't this our own experience. Sin pulls us along at great speed. We often describe this as being 'led astray'. We went along because for a moment we couldn't find the brake. We were no longer in charge of ourselves. So it doesn't really matter if it's a bit of gossip here, a little theft there, or some big deal which is sinful as well as criminal - what they all have in common is that they include the question of

who we think we are. If we do not know who we are, we probably won't step back from the edge of the cliff.

What Jesus remembers is every word that comes from the mouth of God. Especially, he remembers the words he heard in the Jordan river. He has pondered these words in sacred time - forty days and nights - and has reached some amazing conclusions about what they mean. Only then can he push back and say "No". Step one for us then seems to be an invitation to slow down. To create the spaces where we can know ourselves better, which should include being willing to hear from friends what they know of us. The Tempter will ask the same question. If you are loved by God, then And each of us has to be able to say, "Even if I am empty, hurting or powerless, or even dead; I am still loved by the Love that never fails".

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

CORONAVIRUS - TAKING RESPONSIBILITY : Until further notice for all Masses, the “Blood of Christ” Chalice and the HANDSHAKE “Sign of Peace” is suspended, the prayer will still be offered. Our priority is the health and safety of all parishioners and visitors. Thank you for helping us to act responsibly during this outbreak.



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 – March: 17th St Patrick; 19th St Joseph; 25th The Annunciation of the Lord.



Thank You!!!

MASS OFFERINGS: £2224.78

SECOND OFFERINGS - MARCH: CAFOD Lenten 7th/ 8th; Clergy Assistance Fund 21st / 22nd

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.

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

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

***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”**

YOUTH GROUP: ALPHA (13-17y.o) **Friday 28 February** 7pm-9pm Hall; **IGNITE** (10-12y.o) **Friday 13 March** 7pm-9pm Hall.

TEAS & COFFEES: After all weekend Masses

OFS: Every third Saturday in the month 2pm-4pm, 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: 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

Wednesdays: By appointment Crown Wood School, Opladen Way, Bracknell RG12 0PE

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

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



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

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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 Tabora, 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.....



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF: MARJORIE ANNIE ZAKARY, RIP
Marjorie's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Friday 6 March 2020 at 11.30am** followed by a Service at Easthampstead Park Cemetery at 1.30pm
Please pray for Marjorie and all her family.

May her 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
Pauline's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Thursday 19 March 2020 at 12.30pm** followed by a Service at Easthampstead Park Crematorium at 2.30pm, refreshments in the church hall after the Crematorium.
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.

CatholicVoices

You are all invited to a series of talks and discussions, hosted by Catholic Voices, in our church hall at 7pm Wednesdays. Although these talks are free, it is important that you sign-up if you wish to attend, as we have limited capacity in the hall and the talks have been advertised widely across the diocese. You can sign-up online via our website at www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/cvtalks or telephone the parish office. Please see posters in the porch and hall for information

11th March: Defending the Unborn: The Church and Abortion; 8th July: Gender, Sexuality, and Same-Sex Partnerships; 22nd July: Love, Marriage, and Contraception

Please note that these talks are not suitable for anyone under the age of 16 years and, if you are under 18 years, you will need to be accompanied by an adult.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020 – Praying with Zimbabwe on **Friday 6 March** at Easthampstead Baptist Church, South Hill Road, RG12 7NS at 7pm, everyone welcome. **Rise! Take your mat and walk.**

TEENSTAR - An information evening about **TeenStar**, a programme to support adolescents in their teenage years on **Thursday 12th March** 8.00pm – 9.00pm at St Edwards RC Church, 44, Alma Road, Windsor, SL4 3HJ. The Speaker is Sharon Westby sharonw3stby@gmail.com www.teenstar.org.uk contact for further information All welcome.



BEGINNING THE SEASON OF LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TRIDUUM



CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 6th MARCH
The **Lent CAFOD's family fast day** is an opportunity to reach out to some of the poorest, most marginalised of our sisters and brothers by eating a simple meal and put what you save in the CAFOD collection envelope. There will be **CAFOD** talks at all Masses weekend **Saturday 29 February** and **Sunday 1 March**.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Every Thursday at 7.00pm, Friday at 11.00am and Saturday at 9.30am
Except Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Friday Stations will be cancelled for Requiem Mass



CHRISM MASS, CATHEDRAL PORTSMOUTH – **Tuesday 7 April 2020** at 11.00am at the Cathedral. Seats available on the coach, please contact the parish office on 01344 425729 or email stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. **No charge but donations are very welcome as the coach is expensive, please make you donation to the parish office by 31 March.** Please be at St Josephs by 7.30am to leave at 8.00am prompt, arriving back at St Joseph's 4pm.



MAUNDY THURSDAY : THE EASTER TRIDUUM – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper – **Thursday 9 April 2020 at 7.30pm.** New Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word will be Faculty commissioned at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.



GOOD FRIDAY: Celebration of the Lord's Passion Friday 10 April 2020, 3.00pm. Day of fasting and abstinence.



HOLY SATURDAY : This beautiful Easter Vigil Service is on Saturday 11 April 2020 at 8.00pm



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sunday 12 April 2020
Mass at 8.30am and 10.30am

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

OFFERING COUNTERS: Volunteers to count the offerings after the 10:30 Mass on Sundays, if you are willing to commit 1-2 hours, on a rota basis, please contact the parish office with your details.

BABY & TODDLER GROUP: Volunteers also needed for the Baby & Toddler Group, in the hall every Tuesday, term time, 9.00am to 12.00am, please contact the parish office with your details



SINGING FOR JOY

A parish singing group sharing the love of Christ through song to the local Care Homes, all welcome to join us see venues and dates:

ASTBURY MANOR: RG12 7AU: Sunday 8 March at 2.15pm
BRACKNELL CARE HOME: RG12 7DN: 11 March and 1 April at 1.45pm
EDMUNDS COURT: RG12 2HP: 25 March at 2.15pm
CLEMENT HOUSE: RG12 2GH: 19 April at 2.15pm

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

Saturday	29 th	6.00pm	Mass	Manuela Pinto Ribeiro Barros, RIP.
Sunday	1 st	8.30am	Mass	Frank & Marie-Claire Ducasse, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Pauline McShane, RIP
Monday	2 nd	No Mass		
Tuesday	3 rd	No Mass		
Wednesday	4 th	No Mass		
Thursday	5 th	No Mass		
Friday	6th	11.30am	REQUIEM MASS – Marjorie Annie Zakary, RIP	
Saturday	7 th	10.00am	Mass	Pro-Life

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

Saturday	7 th	6.00pm	Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	8 th	8.30am	Mass	May Piddock, RIP; Rod Piddock & Family
		10.30am	Mass	Cesar and Maxima Camba, RIP

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*Wednesday & Thursday: 9.10am Morning Prayer*

*Thursday: After Mass “Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help”,  
10.15am 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*

*Stations of the Cross during Lent (except Maundy Thursday and Good Friday):  
Every Thursday at 7.00pm, every Friday at 11.00am and every Saturday at 9.30am*

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

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*Parish Priest: Fr. Daniel McAvoy*

*Deacon: Rev. Aidan Lynch*

*Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Fisher*

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