

THE YEAR OF MATTHEW
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A
BEING AT PEACE, BEING AT REST

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Jesus found out that, no matter what you do, you just can't please some people. His beautiful teaching is rejected by the religious and political elite. They bypass the beauty of His Word because they prefer to sit in cafes and bars making dark judgements. They are learned and clever about the 613 dictates of the Law. They tithe herbs to God but ignore the justice God longs for. They like being in charge. They like to be seen and seen as movers and shakers. They like telling other people what they ought to be doing. But they are only interested in the outside of the cup. They are masters of the detail, obsessing over surface rather than depth.

If anyone should come to them with a new idea, it is rejected if it doesn't fit in with how they see things. And surely how they see things is the only way to see things. Experts at categorising others for exclusion, they are clever enough to maintain their own position of privilege. They argue endlessly about God, Morality and Theology, not because they want to Grow in Wisdom, but to keep God at a distance. They never ever come to Jesus seeking the truth. They come to compete and to try to trap Jesus in a maze of their own making.

But Jesus teaching is being accepted by those who are not 'learned' or 'clever'. Jesus praises His Father for working in this way and decides that, if the Father hides and reveals in this way, this is how the Mission of the Son should unfold.

The mind of a child is eager and open. It is not cluttered or defensive. The mind of a child is always changing and growing and adapting to novelty. But most importantly, the mind of a child is relational. This openness gives the Father huge pleasure, so He pours life and love into the hearts of those with a child mind. If they find pleasure in God, they will effortlessly walk the pathways of Justice and Peace.

Jesus exemplifies this child mind. He stretches out His hands to those who struggle to be good by conforming to the endless petty laws that defeat, rather than nurture, the human spirit. He calls all who have lost their taste for life to the banquet. He has a special place in His heart for those who are suffering, especially those whose suffering have caused them to lose heart. He offers them the rest which unfolds from a profound intimate relationship with His Father.

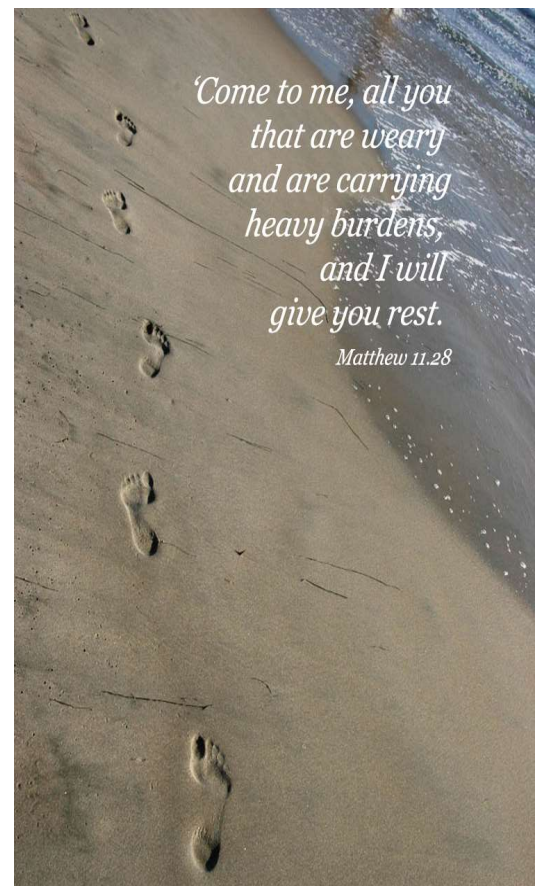
I do believe that Jesus still speaks to the many who are weary and exhausted today. Those who have to work too many hours. Those who are so anxious that they cannot rest. Those who believe they have to always be in control, and who can't trust enough to let go. He teaches that we can rest by disengaging from our mighty egos and becoming like children who are pleased to be carried. It's like your starting in Footsteps, but this time, you know you are!

Many poets have played with this experience of inner rest. Rainer Maria Rilke, in his 'Selected Poems' reflects on the experience of inner rest. He describes the awkward labouring steps of the swan walking on land. Who then,

.... let's herself down
into the water, which receives her gaily
and which flows joyfully under, and after her,
wave after wave,
while the swan, unmoved and marvellously calm,
is pleased to be carried, each moment more fully grown. (p.141)

And DH Lawrence in his 'Pax', speaks of -

... a cat asleep on a chair, at peace, at peace ...
Sleeping on the hearth of the living world,
yawning at home before the fire of life
feeling the presence of the living God
like a great reassurance
a deep calm in the heart. (p.700)



TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Saturday	8 th	6.00pm	Mass	Crisostomo Silva, RIP
Sunday	9 th	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Michael Golden, RIP
Monday	10 th	No Mass		
Tuesday	11th	11.00am	REQUIEM MASS	– Yvonne Gantzer, RIP
Wednesday	12 th	9.30am	Mass	Beatriz Lumibao
Thursday	13 th	9.30am	Mass	Seamus Tiernon, RIP
Friday	14 th	11.00am	Exposition	
		12.10pm	Mass	Stephen Corcoran

ST SWITHUN, Bishop, Martyr

Saturday	15 th	10.00am	Mass	Leonora and Abdon Arriba
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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Saturday	15 th	6.00pm	Mass	Tommy McGrath, RIP
Sunday	16 th	8.30am	Mass	Molly Daley
		10.30am	Mass	Odunton Family - Thanksgiving



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, 1st Saturday of the month 9.30am Pro-Life Rosary and Confessions every Saturday at 10.45am or by prior appointment.

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PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW CHURCH

DID YOU KNOW...?



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Please email your newsletter item(s) to the parish office stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk no later than midday on Wednesdays.

SECOND OFFERING THIS WEEKEND: APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA



CAR PARK SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL/NEW – The 2017/2018 car park renewal and new subscription forms are available in the narthex. The new subscription period is from 1 July 2017 until 30 June 2018. If you have a **Disability Blue Badge** please bring it with your subscription form.



YOUTH GROUP UPDATE - Youth Group will meet twice a month in future, on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month during term time, effective immediately. Session dates have been revised due to the need for greater focus on delivery content and context as interest increasingly picks up and there is greater need for prior planning. The team needs volunteers to help in this capacity. **Please see** website for updates

Sainsbury's

SAINSBURY'S FOOD DONATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM: We are now officially a **Sainsbury's Food Donation Partner** for the front of store in Princess Square. The donations are available to us all year to help those in need, not only in the Night Shelter, but also individuals and families supported by SVP and the Bracknell Life House, etc. If you would like to join the team of donation collectors, please contact Liz in the Parish Office.

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 when reaching across lighted candles wearing loose clothing, etc. It is important to remember that they can be the cause of major fires and serious injuries if not used correctly.



PARISH CENSUS - A reminder to complete the parish census either online on our parish or using a paper copy which can be found in the narthex. Please return paper copies in an envelope to the parish office. www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/parish-census-form.html



LITURGICAL CALENDAR - JULY:
3rd St Thomas; 11th St Benedict;
15th St Swithun; 17th St Bonaventure;
22nd St Mary Magdalene; 25th St James;
26th Ss Joachim & Anne; 29th St Martha;
31st St Ignatius of Loyola

GOSPEL CHALLENGE - Monday 10 July 2017 at 9 Anneford Place, Bracknell

KEEP FIT OVER 50's CLUB – Every Tuesday 2.00pm to 3.00pm in the Hall.

TODDLER GROUP – CANCELLED TUESDAY 11 JULY 2017

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

SOUP & ROLL – Every Friday after Mass during term time.

YOUTH GROUP – Every 2nd & 4th Fridays during term time, 7.00pm – 9.00pm Hall.



LAST WEEK'S MASS OFFERINGS – THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS: Total amount £1,868.96. Please make cheques payable to "PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph". **Gift Aid envelopes and bankers/standing order forms available in the porch.**

**We pray for the Sick and Housebound of Our Community
and for those who care for them.**

Sick and Housebound:

Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Adrian Sweeney, Johanna Lenz, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, Jadwiga Butcher, June Cooper, Lilijan Rodenburg, Josephine & Maurice Timms, Andrea Brown, Robert Mulcahy, Mary Carpenter, Mary King,

Those who are unwell or in hospital:

Una Mair, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Patricia Holmwood, Fr Vincent Convery, Teresa Bullock, Maria Bishop, Peggy Pendergast, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Serafina Delmundo, Ann Newton, Bridie Maughan, Tom Corridan, Allan James, Nicholas Powell, Peggy O'Sullivan, Caroline Nirmalan, Kathleen Brosnan, Jackie Shaw, Tom Larkin, Blanche Shap, Thelma Briggs, Emma Flavell. John Richardson, Mike Garnham, Primula Maynard.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY – Baby Cormac Thomas Prouse who is being baptised on **Sunday 9 July 2017** at 12 noon. Please pray for Cormac and his parents Matthew and Tracey.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF Yvonne Gantzer whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday 11 July 2017** at 11.00am at St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.



SAFEGUARDING - Please note all volunteer ministries require some form of Safeguarding training to be undertaken prior to undertaking the role you have chosen to do. Full safeguarding training is required as a starting point for anyone who is undertaking a ministry related to **children or vulnerable adults**. A significant number of people who attended training in St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow's in 2014 will now be required to update their training in line with the diocesan guidelines to keep both themselves and those they minister safe. **Full Vulnerable adults** training will be held in the parish in the autumn Sept/Oct 2017 if you are not able to attend any of the training which is scheduled on the diocesan website.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY – Has now resumed. All adults and children wishing to attend must complete an Annual Family Membership form online via our parish website: www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/cl_consent_form.html Leaflets available after Mass advising the process for registration and the way in which Children's Liturgy will operate in future. We are also always in need of new helpers - please contact the parish office if you are interested.



CAFOD FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT - Thank you to all who came along to the very enjoyable Quiz evening last weekend. We raised £233.25 for CAFOD. We're hoping to host another next year so look forward to seeing you all again and anyone who missed out this time.



First aid

ARE YOU A FIRST AIDER AT WORK? – Would you be willing to

join our new teams of First Aiders for each of the weekend Masses, if so please contact the Parish Office with your details for this most important and rewarding ministry.



ARE YOU A FIRE MARSHALL AT WORK? – Would you be willing to join our

new teams of Fire Marshalls for each of the weekend Masses, if so please contact the Parish Office with your details for this most important and rewarding ministry.



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET - The next Chaplet will be on **Sunday 16 July 2017** at 2.30pm.



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – We hope to take a group from our parish to join the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from **Friday 18th - Friday 25th August 2017** and is led by Bishop Philip. For information contact the parish office or visit <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/>



Alton Day Of Renewal

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – **Saturday 22 July 2017**, 11.00am to 4.00pm. You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit, at Alton Convent, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 11.00am Rosary; 11.30am Mass celebrated by Fr Laurence Brassill; 12.15 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch; 2.00pm Praise & Worship; 2.30 Talk "Gifts of Healings" by Pauline Edwards and Fr Laurence Brassill 3.30 Prayer for healing. We end about 4pm. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs).

For more information and directions, telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747 or website www.altonrenewal.com