

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

**'ISM'-FREE DISCIPLES**

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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.



The Beloved Son of God reads the foretelling of Isaiah. This text is a prophecy that there is One who is coming, who, filled with the Spirit of God, is destined to bring about a better world. Jesus' astonishing commentary on the text is that this is no longer a prophecy but a reality. Jesus is the One who is to come. The mission of the Beloved Son of God is clear. Well it's looks pretty clear to Him. The question is, is it clear to us?



The prophecy is fulfilled but they have to HEAR it. If they do not hear it, it will not be fulfilled. At first things are looking hopeful as they seem to welcome the challenging words they hear. In Marks' Gospel, the people reject Jesus because they know Him too well and cannot take Him seriously. But in Luke's Gospel, the 'son of Joseph' has the opposite effect. As Joseph's son, the blessings of which Jesus speaks will be bestowed on the village of Joseph. The people are rubbing their hands with delight and salivating at the thought of the heights to which the 'Jesus-Ride' will take them. But Jesus does not quite see it this way. He reminds His hearers of a little unpopular strand of Jewish Tradition - that a prophet is NEVER accepted in their own country. Worst still, Jesus suggests that they

were not chosen by God to form an inward looking, exclusive, members only club. In reality, the opposite is true. They were chosen to bear the blessings of the One God to the whole of Creation. If they are listening, it is clear that they have to shift their focus from 'what's in it for me?' to 'how can I live in such a way that my life is a blessing for others?' This is a shift in awareness which has transformed Jesus. To be loved means to be sent to uphold the primacy of love and to bring love to bear in every violation of love - whether that's popular or not.

Ah these fickle disciples! Their warmth turns to rage, their approval to condemnation when they realise they are being asked to be a blessing for the world. But, like those who came before and after them, their killing field will not have the last word. The Risen Saviour will walk through the midst of them, singing His song, that force cannot destroy the reality of which He speaks.

The brick walls of exclusion and privilege are built with bricks made of 'ism'. This list is not exhaustive and I am sure you can add a few more. Racism, Sexism, Tribalism, Socialism, Capitalism, Conservatism, Liberalism, Protestantism, Catholicism, Nationalism, etc, etc, etc. The only way to dismantle the edifice, brick by brick, is to join in the good no matter where it is unfolding. Goodness dances through creation looking for partners. Sometimes it knocks on our door, sometimes elsewhere. But it always needs a lending hand and a warm heart to increase its effectiveness. It calls on us to do something good even when there is nothing in it for us. The reward is always the same - a breakthrough into joy. The joy that enfolds us wherever we see good things happening. I guess it's only when we feel no resentment towards the widow of Sidon, or the leper of Syria, only when we celebrate an end to her hunger and his sickness that we know we have heard and understood Jesus. The prophecy of global liberation - not just our own comfort - will be fulfilled in our hearing and because of our actions.

# 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:



**ROMANA EDWARDS, RIP** whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Wednesday 6 February 2019** at 11.30am, followed by a Service at 1.30pm at Easthampstead Park Crematorium. Please pray for Romana and all her family.

**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.

**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.



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR – FEBRUARY:** 2<sup>nd</sup> The Presentation of the Lord; 5<sup>th</sup> St Agatha; 6<sup>th</sup> St Paul Miki & Companions; 8<sup>th</sup> St Josephine Bakhita; 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: £1943.80;**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY.**

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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: 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> for the Cathedral – please take an envelope with your newsletter, or return your envelope if taken last weekend; 16/17<sup>th</sup> Racial Justice**

**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

**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 Shallow, 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.



**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** - Most of us start the new year feeling financially stretched and, not having enough money to cope with unforeseen circumstances, makes it more likely that we might fall prey to loan sharks or payday lenders. Tragically, this can lead to an endless spiral of greater debt, entrenched poverty and even homelessness. Which is why this year we will be actively promoting the services of the Berkshire Credit Union in Bracknell. Credit unions are non-profit, community institutions, owned and controlled by their members — the people who save and borrow with it. They provide a safe and often vital alternative to payday lending and loan sharks - a real lifeline to anyone having difficulty managing their finances. Services on offer include a budgeting tool to help allocate money for regular bills, different ways of saving a little every month, a pre-paid Visa card and a range of affordable loans that can be paid back over a timescale to suit personal needs.

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, from **Monday 28 January 2019** at 10am. There will also be regular contact points open at Holy Trinity church, St Paul's church in Harman's Water and Crown Wood primary school. 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 but the Church Shop is CLOSED on Credit Union dates and times.**



**CLOTHESBANK** – A big thank you from the ClothesBank team for all your generosity for the ClothesBank giveaway: 34 children and 44 adults, 78 people in total were clothed. The next ClothesBank Giveaway, Wednesday 27 March 2019 in St Joseph's Church Hall.



**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 8 February 2019**, 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the hall  
**ABLAZE! (age +13)** – Next meeting – **Friday 1 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? Please 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**

### **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C**

Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00pm	Mass	Edward Shephard, RIP (Foundation)
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Thanksgiving for Ferdi and Stella
		10.30am	Mass	Bernadette and Michael Snell, RIP
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>		
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Requiem Mass – Romana Edwards, RIP</b>	
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mass	Honor O'Conner

### **ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, Religious**

Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Exposition	
		12.10pm	Mass	Francis Xavier Casimir, RIP
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	Bridget Nolan, RIP

### **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

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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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**Parish Priest: Fr Daniel McAvoy**

**Deacon: Rev Aidan Lynch**

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