

THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE
THE YEAR OF THE RELENTLESS WIDOW
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C
FOLLOWING LOVE INTO THE FULNESS OF LIFE

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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.*

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The Beloved Son of God is in Jerusalem for the Feast of the Dedication of the Temple. This Temple, planned by King David and built by his son Solomon, had seen many changes and additions over the years. But it was only after the Syrians had built an altar to Zeus over the altar of holocausts, and offered Sacrifices to Zeus, that this feast day was set. Their 'desolating sacrilege' triggered the successful revolt led by Judas Maccabee, after which the Temple was rebuilt and re-dedicated to God.

It is the right setting and the right Feast for Jesus. The new Temple is walking in the old Temple - in the portico of Solomon, on a feast of spiritual renewal. The replacement has arrived. How will He be received?

Well, because of what happened on His previous visit with the money changers, Jesus is encircled by a nervous crowd. They know that the Messiah has the right to restore and rebuild the Temple. But Jesus does not seem to have the right credentials. He is confusing them and they want plain talking. But when Jesus tries to illumine their minds they don't get it. And, as far as they are concerned, He is the problem. He will not play the game by their rules. He will not give a direct answer to their questions.

On the other hand, Jesus thinks they are the problem. He has spoken plainly about who He is and why He has come. But they will not believe Him. They are unable to hear the Word or read his actions as revelation.

But there are those who do hear his voice and understand that He is God's revelation of all that is Sacred. To 'hear' Jesus voice means much more than attending to the words He speaks. The hearer must have the wisdom to discern who the speaker is. Jesus invites insight into His identity with every word and action. When His 'sheep' hear his voice they begin to see His unique relationship with God and they begin to speak of Him as Messiah, Son of God etc.



To hear Jesus voice is to share his consciousness. Now they know themselves as Jesus knows them. Believing in Jesus' name means they can now believe in their own.(Jn 1:12-13). Knowing who Jesus is means that I now know who I am - a beloved daughter or son of God. His identity and our identity are interwoven eternally. The revelation of who Jesus is, and who we are, will continue in ways we do not yet understand. But one taste is enough to know that more is to come. From Him we receive eternal life, death can never destroy us and those who seek to snatch us out of Jesus' hand are thwarted.

They wanted plain talking and they got it, but they cannot accept it. If we discern that Jesus is the very presence of God and know that we are children of God who are safe because of the eternal life He pours into us, we will not be surprised when He declares "The Father and I are One." This declaration strengthens us to find our own voice. When we start out we may be unsure. But as our trust in Him grows, the miracles happen.

Here is a wonderful story from Jewish spirituality which is worth reflection.

When Rabbi Zusya grew old and knew that his time on earth was nearing a close, his students gathered around him. One of them asked him if he was afraid of dying.

'I am afraid of what God will ask me', the Rabbi said.

"What will he ask you?"

'He will not ask me, Zusya, why were you not like Moses? He will ask me , Zusya, why were you not Zusya?'

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org) or ring **07394 440 938**



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

**MASS OFFERINGS: £1641.80**

**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.

**SECOND OFFERINGS : MAY** – 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Clergy Training Fund

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



**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 to 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 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 18 May 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.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 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.

## 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"*



### CATENIAN ASSOCIATION, BRACKNELL FOREST CIRCLE

- We are an association for Catholic men, formed in 1908. Our aim is "Promoting family life through friendship and faith". We meet monthly at Easthampstead Park Conference Centre and every third month our spouses join us for a Ladies night. We organise a friendly and enjoyable social calendar where everyone, children included, are welcome. As Catenians we volunteer to help our local Catholic churches in any way we can. Do you want to help us to promote family life through friendship and faith? We invite you to come along and meet the Circle for an informal dinner with us so to get to know who we are and what we do. Please contact: Colin Davis 07748744711; Chris Sowinski 0790055357 or Franco Valente on 07770 703054



### INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY SERVICE

- You are warmly invited to join us to celebrate at The Church of Jesus Christ, Ascot Priory, Priory Road, Ascot, SL5 8RT on **Monday 13 May 2019** at 2.30pm. the service will be accompanied by the Senior Choir of Lambrook School, followed by refreshments in St Gabriel's Retreat Centre Ascot Priory.

RSVP to 01344 884079 or [activities@arhltd.com](mailto:activities@arhltd.com)



**PASTORAL CARE** - There is a Pastoral Care meeting in the parish hall, 7pm - 8pm, on **Wednesday 15 May 2019** for those who visit the frail elderly and the sick in our parish including Eucharistic Ministers to the housebound. 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](mailto:pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org) or phone 07394 440938. If you are interested in parish visiting, please come along on 15th May.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** This year the children will be receiving First Holy Communion at 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.



**THAMES HOSPICE 'IN MEMORY' SUNFLOWER WALK** - **Saturday 18 May 2019** at 10am at Virginia Water, Surrey. The purpose of the Sunflower Walk is for people to walk in memory of a loved one and to help raise funds for Thames Hospice. Three walks to choose from 4k, 6.5k and 13k through stunning Virginia Water park. Thames Hospice is the local charity providing expert care for people living with life-limiting illnesses. For more details: website <https://www.thameshospice.org.uk/sunflowerwalk> telephone 01753 848963 or email [susan.blues@thameshospice.org.uk](mailto:susan.blues@thameshospice.org.uk)



**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** - Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham, near Fareham is hosting a Marriage Encounter weekend from **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May**. The weekend is an opportunity for married couples of any age 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.



### 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](mailto:youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)



**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

## TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

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|-----------|------------------|----------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Saturday  | 11 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm         | Mass       | Bridget McMenamin, RIP   |
| Sunday    | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass       | Parish Intentions        |
|           |                  | 10.30am        | Mass       | Brendan O'Brien, RIP     |
| Monday    | 13 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |            |                          |
| Tuesday   | 14 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |            |                          |
| Wednesday | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass       |                          |
| Thursday  | 16 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass       | Judith Meissl and Family |
| Friday    | 17 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am        | Exposition |                          |
|           |                  | 12.10pm        | Mass       |                          |
| Saturday  | 18 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am        | Mass       |                          |

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

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| Saturday | 18 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass |                    |
| Sunday   | 19 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Anthony Nunes, RIP |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass | Doreen Connor      |

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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: 1st 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

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