

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

**ACTIONS SPEAKING LOUDER**

**11 August 2019 – Order of Mass Page 7 - Mass Book Page 121 - Psalter Week 3**

**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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What does Jesus mean when He says, "See that you are 'dressed for action' and have your lamps lit". (Lk:12.35). To help us understand this, we need to turn to the story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. You remember that their wisdom was celebrated because their lamps were lit! What does that mean and how does it work?

Quite simply it means that we speak and act in a way that inspires others. When they look at how we live, how we speak, and how we act, they are given a living pause for thought and the path is lit for the way they need to walk. It would be sad if, when they listened to the words we speak, or observed our life, they decided that we had nothing to offer or that we were hypocrites. Or, to put it a little more directly, Jesus had very severe words for those who extinguish the light of love in another person's heart.

Now here's the thing. The foolish ones are always rushing to the wise ones when it's too late to ask for some of their oil. It's too late because, the problem is, it can't be given. I can't turn to you on my deathbed and ask you to give me the value of the good that you have done. This is a serious warning from the Teacher. Today I have to decide that this is the right thing to do and do it.



I love the image of God as Bridegroom but I'm a little more curious when I think of God as a burglar. You may remember that I had a visit from one of these shortly after I arrived in Bracknell. It's not a pleasant experience. But it was, in one sense, my own fault because I went out and left my window open. Jesus says that The Son of Man is coming, like a burglar, at an hour we do not expect. Wouldn't it be great if we were ready, welcoming Him with the words, I've been waiting for you, Light of the World. And more to the point, I have been doing what you asked of me. I shine bright and clear as a sign of Your Love for others. Now look what happens. "I tell you solemnly, He will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them." That's worth consideration!

# 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](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**PASTORAL CARE/BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT CONTACT MOBILE NUMBER** - Our Pastoral Care team, includes members of the Bereavement Support Group, offers support and home visits to the sick, the housebound, the lonely and the bereaved. We also 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](mailto: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.

**THE SHOP WILL BE CLOSED FROM SUNDAY 28 JULY TO SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER INCLUSIVE, RE-OPENING SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER**



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR – AUGUST:** 14<sup>th</sup> St Maximilian Maria Kolbe; **15<sup>th</sup> The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION);** 20<sup>th</sup> St Bernard; 21<sup>st</sup> St Pius X; 22<sup>nd</sup> The Queenship of Mary; 24<sup>th</sup> St Bartholomew; 27<sup>th</sup> St Monica; 28<sup>th</sup> St Augustine of Hippo; 29<sup>th</sup> The Passion of St John the Baptist; 30<sup>th</sup> Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward

**MASS OFFERINGS: £1965.44**



**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.

**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** – Closed until Tuesday 10 September.

**KEEP FIT** – Closed until Tuesday 10 September.

**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  
**Cancelled for "Requiem Mass" and "No Mass"**

**CHOIR PRACTICE – Closed until Thursday 5 September.**

**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.**  
**Cancelled for "Requiem Mass" and "No Mass"**

**TEAS & COFFEES** – After all weekend Masses

**OFS** – Saturday 21 September 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 **AND 1.30pm – 3.30pm Walk-In Café, Gt Hollands Square.**

**Fridays 10am – 12pm:** St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, RG12 1BE

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## 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

**DIOCESE INSTRUCTIONS : LIGHTING CANDLES – Adults must accompany all children at the candle trays when lighting candles. Keep candles apart as they can easily collapse and ignite each other. Particular attention to placing candles in the sand at least three inches from edge of tray, these candles no closer than 3 inches to each other.**

**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, 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, Dorcas Innes-Grant, Veronika Jastrzebski, Doreen Gladwin, Manuela Maria Barros, Jerry Tobin, Rico Morales, Reynalita Leysan, Marie Hughes, Jenny Bashford, Phyllis D'Souza, Marie Fielding, Donal Hanley, Jacqui Rawstron, Jim and Francis McEvoy, Mary Murray, Thelma Briggs, Margaret Pearce, Bessie Smith, Brenda Hook, Simon Brennan, Audrey Lam, Pam Savage.

# LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



**A WARM WELCOME** – Fr Andrew Pinsent who has kindly agreed to celebrate all our Masses weekend 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> August.



**NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL** : Can you help us save the planet and save money? We can email to you every Friday the parish weekly newsletter for you to review anytime you wish. Just send your email address to the parish office [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) by Wednesday any week and we will add your email address to the newsletter confidential group email list. We can then reduce the number of newsletters we print every week, saving money on paper and toner and reduce the quantity we recycle and you recycle. A nominal quantity of newsletters will be placed in the porch for parishioners who do not have an email address, new parishioners and guests to our parish.



**PART TIME VACANCY – BOOKKEEPER** - Part time Parish bookkeeper required, half day per week with flexible working. Some bookkeeping experience preferred. It would be voluntary or paid at an hourly rate. Main role is to enter details of all the income and expenditure onto the Parish Finance system and support the Parish Treasurer. Help and training provided. For more details please email the Parish Secretary at [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**SCHOOL ADMISSION FORMS FOR SIGNING** – For all school admission forms that need to be signed by Fr Danny, please bring your form(s) into the Sacristy after the Mass you attend at the weekend or weekday as you must be present in front of Fr Danny for the form to be signed. Please complete your form(s) with HONESTY. Forms posted through the letterbox or just left in the Sacristy will not be signed until you are present in front of Fr Danny.



**IGNITE! ABLAZE! - Summer Break!** - The youth groups are now on their summer break. We will be back in September so watch this space for updates and details of future events!

Thank you to all our youth leaders & volunteers for their time and commitment to our young people. We are very blessed to have such a great team. Come and join us...Youth Ministry is challenging, interesting, incredibly rewarding and FUN, so why not get involved? Please contact: [youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org) for further details. We look forward to welcoming you.

**BIBLE JOURNALING** - Starting in mid September a regular **Bible Journaling** class at my home during the day. I would like **5 other people** joining me on this wonderful prayerful journey. **Bible Journaling** is all about quietly colouring in pages of the bible (very calming & therapeutic) reflection on scripture with the group, observations, application and prayer, and moving towards meditation also. Approx. 1 hour per week. For more information contact **Jan on 07866 198581**

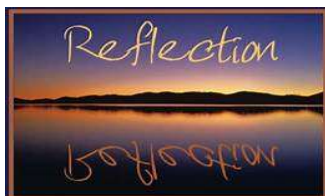


**CAFOD HARVEST BRIEFING** - Our parish is hosting a Harvest briefing for CAFOD on **Wednesday 4 September 2019** from 7:15pm to 9pm in the church hall. At this meeting Nikki Evans the Programme Officer for Bolivia will speak about CAFOD's work in Bolivia and give an update on the Hands on Altiplano project from 2016. There will be representatives from other local parishes at this meeting and it would be lovely to see lots of St. Joseph's parishioners there.

To book your place email Jo Lewry [jlewry@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jlewry@cafod.org.uk) or by ringing 01252 329385



**THE HAPPINESS SHOW - Saturday 21 September 2019** at 12.00noon – A live theatre performance by Rise Theatre set around a fictional TV Show; faith-based themes are explored through a mix of sketches, music, interviews, videos and creative reflection. A fun and thought-provoking family show geared towards adults, teenagers and older primary school children. At Holme Grange School, Caudwell Hall Theatre, Wokingham, RG40 3AL. Tickets: £5 Full show details and online box office: [ccyghappiness.eventbrite.co.uk](http://ccyghappiness.eventbrite.co.uk)



## DAYS OF REFLECTION

Annual days of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word at Douai Abbey are on **Saturday 21st, Sunday 22nd September** and **Saturday 5th October 2019**, 9:45am to 4pm. Please register online via the Parish website, or notify the Parish office. Please make your booking as soon as possible as spaces are limited!

# TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

|           |                  |                |      |                              |
|-----------|------------------|----------------|------|------------------------------|
| Saturday  | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm         | Mass | Jean and Dennis Johnson, RIP |
| Sunday    | 11 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass | Parish Intentions            |
|           |                  | 10.30am        | Mass | Helen Considine, RIP         |
| Monday    | 12 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                              |
| Tuesday   | 13 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                              |
| Wednesday | 14 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                              |

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – *Holy Day of Obligation*

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|----------|------------------|----------------|------|--------------------|
| Thursday | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 12.00noon      | Mass | Nicola Howard, RIP |
|          |                  | 7.30pm         | Mass |                    |
| Friday   | 16 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                    |
| Saturday | 17 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                    |

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

|          |                  |         |      |                     |
|----------|------------------|---------|------|---------------------|
| Saturday | 17 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Parish Intentions   |
| Sunday   | 18 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Bruna D'Souza, RIP  |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass | Carmen Rosario, 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: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 9.30am Pro-Life Rosary*  
*Confessions: Every Saturday at 10.45am or prior appointment*  
**THESE WILL BE CANCELLED FOR "REQUIEM MASS AND "NO MASS"**

**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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