

THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE
THE YEAR OF THE RELENTLESS WIDOW
PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION OF THE LORD - YEAR C
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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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 has returned to the Garden of Gethsemane, the Mount of Olives. I want to focus on this part of the Gospel for this Sunday because it is important.

The disciples have been at prayer with Jesus and have seen Him at prayer many times. Remember the visit to Mount Tabor where The Father reveals by illumination and by declaration who Jesus is. This was a stop-over on the deadly journey to Jerusalem, and although the disciples continued to follow Him they were still holding back. They couldn't understand why Jesus walked headlong into fierce opposition. Their lack of understanding needed to be corrected and they could only do this by following the command to 'Listen to Him.' If they can remember the radiance when the darkness comes, they might find the strength to be faithful.

Another time in Luke 11, the disciples ask Jesus for a teaching about what it means to be a prayerful person. He calls them to seek, to ask and to knock on the door of God's heart, not because God needs persuading but because they do! Disciples have to do the groundwork in their contemplative hearts if they are going to receive the fullness of the gift of the Holy Spirit.

And here, in the Garden of Olives, the Beloved Son of God teaches them, 'Pray, lest you enter into temptation.' Something is about to happen, and, if they do not pray themselves into these events they will be overwhelmed and captured by them. The strength to say no when a no is needed, and the strength to say yes when a yes is needed will only arise from praying and listening hearts. Tragically it is a lesson that will be learned in the very moment they fail to live it.

As Jesus kneels and touches the earth, He sees the conflict that will erupt from the religious and political powers. He does not want to suffer and He does not seek it. But as He kneels and touches the earth, He finds that He loves something more than His fear of suffering - His commitment to his Fathers will. Now let's be absolutely clear here. It is not God's will that Jesus suffers and dies. Much more, it is God's will that the power of forgiveness and reconciliation be continued in all circumstances. This is what the Beloved Son has pledged to do. In the events that will unfold, Jesus will not be drawn into violence. He will forgive those who persecute Him and offer the Kingdom to the repentant thief. He can only do this because His centre is centred on God. It is from here that His actions flow. He is about to enter a contest where the strength and steady flow of love will be all that is needed.



But His disciples have not stayed awake and He finds no strength in them. For St Luke, this means they have abandoned their contemplative hearts. For them, the situation that is coming is beyond their resources. They are overwhelmed and overcome. The world, and its violence is too much for them. When Jesus asks them, 'Why do you sleep?' it is a prophetic question that disturbs the sorrowful slumber of the disciples. No answer comes because there is no answer. He can only repeat, 'Rise, pray lest you enter into temptation'. But they cannot do it and everything begins to unravel in their hearts.

Suddenly, the violent are upon them. A mindless crowd, led by Judas (one of the Twelve) do not believe in Jesus' way of seeing and acting. But Jesus is awake. He is integrated. He holds as one and will not let go of, His love for His Father and for His people; the power of forgiveness and reconciliation. The Way of the Son of Man, this expression of human potential, is present in Jesus and possible for others. And it is this potential which Judas, even though he walked with Jesus, contradicts. On the outside, he offers Jesus the kiss of loyalty, but on the inside his heart is full of betrayal. If you like, Judas is the perfect example of the very split which the Son of Man has come to heal.

The other disciples, sensing the violence which is to come, act to stop it. They ask Jesus if they should strike with the sword. The sustaining momentum of prayer is not available to them because they have not listened. An ear falls to the ground. As far as they are concerned the dialogue is over. But the One who has spent his life giving people ears to hear says, 'No more of this,' and follows these words by restoring the ear to its rightful place. As Jesus prayed and stayed awake He teaches powerfully that loves dialogue is never over. The power of forgiveness and reconciliation continue to flow through Him even when it is halted by His disciples.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus is treated like a terrorist. He allows the burden of the sins of the violent to fall across Himself. Perhaps this is what the Gospel writers mean when they call it, 'His Hour'. It is His because He reveals the Fathers persistent and non violent love even for those who harm the Beloved Son. It is this 'Hour' of eternal time which moves forward to meet the darkness and the hatred and the futile attempt to kill Him. And His Cross, is the eternal declaration that in the contest between Divine Love and Human Sin, there will only ever be one winner.

## 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 from Thursday 18 April at 4.00pm and open again on Monday 29 April at 9.30am.**



**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 – APRIL:** 18<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday; 19<sup>th</sup> Good Friday; 20<sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday; 21<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday; 29<sup>th</sup> St Catherine of Siena; 30<sup>th</sup> St George.

**MAY:** 1<sup>st</sup> St Joseph, the Worker; 2<sup>nd</sup> St Athanasius; 3<sup>rd</sup> Ss Philip & James; 4<sup>th</sup> The English Martyrs; 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: £1946.64 CAFOD LENTEN DAY: Total Donations £2121.14**

**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 (EXCEPT EASTER SUNDAY)**

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SO VERY MUCH

**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 23 April.

**KEEP FIT** – Closed until Tuesday 30 April, 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 (except Holy Thursday), 7.30pm-8.30pm, in the Church, all welcome. Instrumentalists also invited to join us.

**MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING:** No Anointing of the Sick Mass on **Friday 26 April**. Next Anointing of the Sick Mass is **Friday 31 May 2019**. **Car park reserved for persons with limited mobility.**

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

**JOURNEY IN FATH** – 7.30pm-9.00pm in the hall.

**OFS – Meeting on Saturday 20 April 2019 is cancelled**, next meeting **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, Pat Meehan, Jacqui Rawstron, Jim and Francis McEvoy, Mary Murray, Jane Rodrigues Thelma Briggs, Margaret Pearce, Bessie Smith.

## LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



**ABLAZE! (age +13)** - Next meeting - **Friday, 26th April** in the Church Hall, 7pm - 9pm.

**IGNITE! (age 10-12)** - Next meeting - **Friday, 3rd May** in the Church Hall, 7pm - 9pm.

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)

**EASTER OCTAVE MASSES** – There will be Mass every day at 10.0am from **Monday 22 April until Friday 26 April 2019**. The Mass on **Friday 26 April** will **NOT** be for the Anointing of the Sick. The next Anointing of the Sick Mass is on **Friday 31 May 2019**.

Also, Fr Danny will be on vacation from **Monday 29 April until Friday 3 May**, therefore, no Masses during that week.



**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** – Now available in the porch for the tax year from 6 April 2019. Please take your box of envelopes for use from weekend 1 April 2019. If you would like to use the envelope system next year, along with Gift Aid, please complete the forms that are in the porch or contact the parish office.



**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS** including The Rosary of God's Mercy for the British Isles and Benediction at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Ascot on **Sunday 28 April** at 2.30pm. All are welcome. Please visit

[https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk/?utm\\_campaign=a807b4f7-49da-4e1f-80dd](https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk/?utm_campaign=a807b4f7-49da-4e1f-80dd)



*The Catenians*

**BRACKNELL FOREST CATENIANS** - On **Saturday 11 May**, Bracknell Forest Catenians will visit the RAF Battle of Britain Bunker at Uxbridge for a guided tour. We will meet at Uxbridge; the entrance charge is £7 for an adult; under 18s free. Numbers are limited, so if interested in joining us for this visit, please contact Richard Taylor on 07740 699861 for availability and full details.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** This year the children will be receiving First Holy Communion at weekend Masses (including Saturday morning) 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.



**BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TRIDUUM**

**LENTEN BOOKLETS** – A variety of booklets with daily reflections for Lent now available to purchase in the shop



**PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION OF THE LORD** – Masses:

**Saturday 13 April 2019** - Vigil 6.00pm

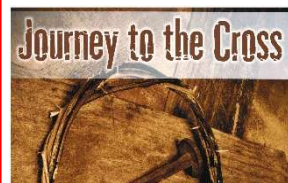
**Sunday 14 April 2019** – 8.30am and 10.30am



**CHRISM MASS, CATHEDRAL PORTSMOUTH** – **Tuesday 16 April 2019** at 11.00am at the Cathedral. A “mobility impaired” accessible coach for able-bodied and mobility impaired parishioners who wish to attend this Mass. There is 1 place for wheelchair parishioners on a first come first served basis. Please be at the church by **7.30am** the coach will depart at **8.00am prompt**, returning **4.00pm**, please contact the parish office to be added to the list. **Donations appreciated towards the cost of the coach. Coach availability has now been offered to the other parishes in the Pastoral Area as the coach is only half full.**



**MAUNDY THURSDAY : THE EASTER TRIDUUM** – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper – **Thursday 18 April 2019** at **7.30pm**. Existing Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word to be recommissioned at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.



**GOD'S FRIDAY : PRAYER WALK** – We have a Bracknell Churches joint event in the town centre on **Good Friday 19 April**. Programme starts at Holy Trinity meeting 10.15am for a prayer walk and stations into the town. If any youngsters want to dress up for the event please come to Holy Trinity Church's Langley Hall at 10.00am. We are aiming to arrive at Union Square at 11.15am

There will be singing led by choristers and singers from St Josephs, Holy Trinity and Warfield Church, all are welcome to join the singing. This is followed by a live worship band, puppet show and craft activities plus the now traditional giveaway activity until 1.30pm.

If you would like to help organise aspects of the prayer walk (readers, people to carry icons, cross etc, sing) or to sing when we reach Union Square please contact Fr Jim [btm-missionpriestjim@bracknell-parish.org](mailto:btm-missionpriestjim@bracknell-parish.org) or text 07775356652. If you would like to help in the square with giveaway, crafts, puppets, please sign up via this link, courtesy of Kerith Centre <https://kerith.churchsuite.co.uk/events/uyxx12oq>



**GOOD FRIDAY: Celebration of the Lord's Passion** – **Friday 19 April 2019, 3.00pm.** Day of fasting and abstinence.



**HOLY SATURDAY** : This beautiful Easter Vigil Service is on **Saturday 20 April 2019** at 8.00pm. Confirmation of Adam, Harish, Mary and James.



**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**Sunday 21 April 2019**

**Mass at 8.30am and 10.30am**

## **TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS**

### **PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION OF THE LORD – YEAR C**

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| Saturday  | 13 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm         | Mass                                              | Gregory James Arthur, RIP (Foundation) |
| Sunday    | 14 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass                                              | Parish Intentions                      |
|           |                  | 10.30am        | Mass                                              | Ablaze! And Ignite! Youth Groups       |
| Monday    | 15 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |                                                   |                                        |
| Tuesday   | 16 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> | <b>(Chrism Mass at the Cathedral, Portsmouth)</b> |                                        |
| Wednesday | 17 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass                                              | Veronica Quijalvo                      |

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**

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| Thursday | 18 <sup>th</sup> | 7.30pm | Mass | Solemn Renewal of Commitment for Ministers of the Holy Eucharist and Ministers of the Word |
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### **GOOD FRIDAY Celebration of the LORD'S PASSION**

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| Friday | 19 <sup>th</sup> | 3.00pm | Service |  |
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### **HOLY SATURDAY**

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| Saturday | 20 <sup>th</sup> | 8.00pm | Vigil | Confirmation of Adam, Harish, Mary and James |
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### **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

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| Sunday | 21 <sup>st</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass |  |
|        |                  | 10.30am | Mass |  |

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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.

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