

THE YEAR OF SAINT MARK
EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM
PENTECOST SUNDAY – YEAR B

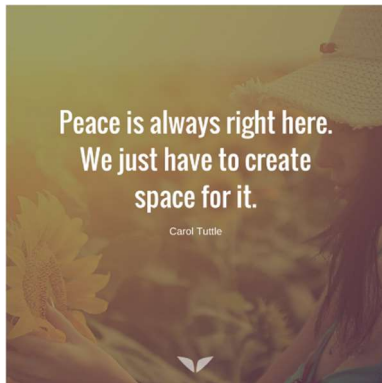
THIRSTING FOR SPIRIT

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It is the first day of the week. A new creation is unfolding. It is evening, but earlier the Beloved Disciple and Mary of Magdala realise that Jesus is now with his Father. Now, His disciples discover that He is also with them. In His Ascension he is with God, and in His resurrection, He is with them. He is the bridge connecting earth with heaven. He is the new mediator between God and Humanity. Still, this is what He has always been, and what He will always be.

The big difference now is that the Risen Jesus cannot be locked out. He manifests Himself as Presence casting out fear. His gift is the gift of Peace. In a world where what is given one moment is taken away by the next, Jesus remains steady. He cannot halt the chaos, but He is present within it, calming the heart, bringing Peace.



The Risen One is still wounded. He shows his wounds to His disciples. By doing this He is inviting them to dive to the depths of what is revealed. How are disciples meant to read these signs? The Beloved Son is One with the Father. But this is no private affair. Their love flows outwards bringing life to all who ask to be caught up in it. The crucifixion is the supreme hour of His Glory. It is the time and the place when Gods life and love are most powerfully visible, available and present. The throes of death reveal the greater flow of life. The most beautiful images of this are the holes that Love have made on Him. As his side is lanced, blood and water gush forth, a universal sign of new birth. The open wounds in hands, feet and side are channels that make His interior life with his Father available. This is what it means to see the Lord. The mediation of the love that lays down its life for His friends is the truth that fills them with gratitude and joy. The joy that floods them cannot be taken away any more than the peace which has been given to them.

But Peace is offered a second time. The Beloved Disciple had to look twice into the tomb before he came to belief. Mary of Magdala had to turn twice before she recognised the gardener as her Teacher. Now all the disciples of Jesus hear Him speak of Peace for a second time. The first time it was spoken to expel fear. The second time it is spoken it is to confer the power of mission. What is received must be passed on. Disciples must be life givers. They can only be Life givers if two things happen.

First, they must receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Just as God breathed life into the nostrils of Adam who became a living soul, the Risen Lord breathes into His disciples who become a new creation, who live by the breath of God. The Spirit brings an end to chaos, creates community and heals what is broken. The Spirit is the great bearer of the forgiveness of sins. There is nothing more horrible. There is no higher priority for the disciples of Jesus, and for the Community of the Church, than to end the separation that exists between God and His Creation, and between sisters and brothers. Community will not grow without forgiveness. This is our greatest responsibility. If we hold onto the sins that separate there will be no community. If we let go of these sins, community will flourish.

There are many layers of meaning in today's Gospel which we must explore inside and outside of time. But is it clear that the Holy Spirit is given to us, in our thirst, to empower us to recreate the world. This is the power of the resurrection of Jesus - freedom from fear, the freedom to heal what has been torn apart, the freedom to build community.

## TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

### PENTECOST SUNDAY – YEAR B

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|------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Saturday         | 19 <sup>th</sup>       | 6.00pm         | Mass                                            | Molly and Christie Campbell, RIP      |
| Sunday           | 20 <sup>th</sup>       | 8.30am         | Mass                                            | Mary Considine, RIP & Deceased Family |
|                  |                        | 10.30am        | Mass                                            | Una Mair, RIP                         |
|                  |                        | 3.00pm         | Service of Healing                              |                                       |
| Monday           | 21 <sup>st</sup>       | <b>No Mass</b> |                                                 |                                       |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>11.00am</b> | <b>Requiem Mass – Tim Roberts, RIP</b>          |                                       |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>23<sup>rd</sup></b> | <b>12.30pm</b> | <b>Requiem Mass – Bridget Emma Flavell, RIP</b> |                                       |
| Thursday         | 24 <sup>th</sup>       | 9.30am         | Communion Service                               |                                       |

### ST BEDE THE VENERABLE, Religious

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| Friday | 25 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Exposition                                    |  |
|        |                  | 12.10pm | Mass for the Sick with Sacrament of Anointing |  |

### ST PHILIP NERI, Priest, Founder

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| Saturday | 26 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am | Mass | Jozefa Chalupzak and Tadeusz Jasiolek, RIP |
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### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – YEAR B

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| Saturday | 26 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Parish Intentions     |
| Sunday   | 27 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Chris Sealy           |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass | Dolores Branagan, RIP |

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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. **Confessions:** every Saturday at 10.45am or prior appointment.

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PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW CHURCH



SOUTH BERKSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

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DID YOU KNOW...?



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – NEW DEADLINE: Midday on Tuesdays, please email your newsletter item(s) to the parish office stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF: TIM ROBERTS, RIP whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Tuesday 22 May 2018 at 11.00am**, this will be a Tridentine Rite in Latin, booklets will be provided, followed by a burial at Easthampstead Park Cemetery at 1.00pm. Please pray for Tim's beloved wife and family: **Dominica, Charlie, Benedicta, Albertine, Felicity and family.**

(We respectfully request that the church car park is used only for the mourners attending Tim's Requiem Mass)



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

BRIDGET EMMA FLAVELL, RIP (known as Emma) whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Wednesday 23 May 2018** at 12.30pm, followed by a burial at Slough Cemetery at 2.45pm. Please pray for Emma and her family.

ADRIAN SWEENEY, RIP whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Wednesday 30 May 2018** at 1.00pm, followed by a Service at Easthampstead Park Crematorium at 3.00pm.

Please pray for Adrian, his beloved wife Ethna and their family.

(We respectfully request that the Church car park is used only for the mourners attending Emma and Adrian's Requiem Masses)



IMPORTANT GUIDANCE FOR PARISHIONERS AND MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - The Pastoral Care of the housebound, those who are unwell, those needing the extra support offered by care homes and those coming to the end of their lives, is one of the jewels in the crown of our parish life.

We thank Maura and her dedicated team for all they are doing to support and bless our sisters and brothers who are unwell. We are also very blessed to have full time Catholic Priests and other chaplains who minister at our hospitals: Wexham Park, Frimley Park, Heatherwood and the Royal Berkshire.

The rules have changed! This means that if you, or a member of your family, are admitted to any of these hospitals, it is **your** responsibility to ensure that the Priest/Chaplain is aware of your presence and of your desire to receive the Sacraments. Your own parish family will also want to be praying for you at these times, so consider letting us know what is happening well in advance if possible. This will help us to give you better support and it will help you to avoid the stress that can unfold when things are left to the last minute.

Eucharistic ministers can also easily pass on the news of any changes in a person's circumstances, please call 01344 425729 which is the telephone number for the Parish Office/Presbytery (priest's house).



BOOKING PARISH HALL AND PARISH ROOMS – If you wish to use the church hall or parish rooms bookings must be made with the Parish Office at least 6-8 weeks before requested date. Please note the regular events below before booking.

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 - MAY – 20th Pentecost Sunday; 21st St Christopher Magallanes & Companions; 22nd St Rita of Cascia; 25th St Bede the Venerable; 26th St Philip Meri; 27th The Most Holy Trinity; 31st The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – Every 2nd and 4th Mondays 7.45pm to 9.30pm in the Church Hall. **No session on Monday 28 May 2018**

TODDLER GROUP – Every Tuesday 9.30am to 11.30am in the hall during term time. **No Toddler Group on Tuesday 22 May 2018**

KEEP FIT – Every Tuesday 2.00pm – 3.00pm in the hall.
No Keep Fit on Tuesday 22 May 2018

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

CHOIR PRACTICE – Every Thursday, 7.30pm-8.30pm, in the Church, all welcome.

ALPHA – Every Thursday in the Hall, 7.30pm – 9.00pm from Thursday 7 June 2018 to Thursday 20 September 2018. No Alpha during August.

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

FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY - Every 3rd Saturday 2pm in the Hall.



MASS OFFERINGS: £1,761.09 SECOND OFFERINGS - £112.13 World Communications Day 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.**

SECOND OFFERINGS - JUNE: 16th/17th - Day for Life; 30th/1st July – Peter's Pence

We pray for those in our parish community who are sick, housebound or in hospital and for those who care for them.

Eileen Ing, Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Johanna Lenz, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, Jadwiga Butcher, Lilijan Rodenburg, Robert Mulcahy, Eddie Moore, Peggy Pendergast, Ann Newton, Bridie Maughan, Angelina Ediale, Josephine Timms, Una Gilligan, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Patricia Holmwood, Fr Vincent Convery, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Blanche Shap, Mike Garnham, Ethna Sweeney, Mary Carpenter, Mary King, Anna Tighe, Mary Phelan, Mary Sol Faulkner, Tony Andrews, Derek Alexander, Brenda Lynch, Margaret Clark, Shaun Howard, Denise Rinzivillo, Sally Tarode, Babs White, Tess Johnson, Dorcas Innes-Grant, Veronika Jastrzebski.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – Cancelled Monday 28 May 2018, will commence on Monday 11 June 2018 at 7.45pm, all are welcome to join us.



SERVICE OF HEALING – On **Sunday 20 May 2018** at 3.00pm, followed by afternoon tea. Everyone is welcome. If you or someone you know would like a lift or if you are able to offer someone a lift, please contact the parish office.



MASS OF HEALING – Commencing at the 12.10pm Mass on **Friday 25 May 2018** and on last Friday of every month, the Sacrament of Anointing will be part of the 12.10pm Mass. All are welcome, especially those sick or suffering in any way. If you would like a lift to this Mass, please contact the parish office.



DEMENTIA ACTION – As a member of the Bracknell Forest Dementia Action Alliance, we are working towards being a dementia friendly parish. Dementia Action Week is **21st - 27th May 2018**. Why not attend a Dementia Friends' Information session at 11am on **Saturday 26th May 2018** in our Church Hall and become a Dementia Friend? Find out more at www.dementiafriends.org.uk. Prayer cards are available in the porch. "Lord, help us to share your love with those who live among us with dementia that we may see your beauty in them".



BRACKNELL FOREST FAITH & BELIEF FORUM AGM – **Wednesday 6th June 2018**

from 2pm - 4pm in St Paul's Church Hall, The Square, Ralphs Ride, Bracknell RG12 9LP. All are welcome. If you would like to attend, phone Kate Eatwell on 07973 709647 or email kate.eatwell@hotmail.co.uk



RELIC OF ST. EDMUND CAMPION will be brought by the Knights of St Columba to the 9.30am Mass on **Wednesday 6th June 2018**



ALPHA is starting on **Thursday 7th June 7:30pm-9pm** with a taster session in our parish hall. The Alpha experience explores the basics of the Christian faith and encourages conversation in an open and informal environment. Sign-up for the taster session on the parish website or pick up a form from the porch. More details are on the insert contained in this newsletter.

JOIN TEAM ALPHA: If you'd like to help on the team welcoming, catering, small group discussion leader, please speak to Mary McNab or email bracknellpa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



PARISH QUIZ NIGHT – *Back by popular demand* on **Saturday 9 June 2018** - how good is your trivia? £1 entry per person, great prizes. Licenced bar from 7:00pm. Quizzing starts at 7:30pm. Free buffet. A great, fun evening and a chance to make new friends.



DIOCESAN DAY FOR READERS – SATURDAY 16 JUNE 2018 - 9.30am to 3.00 pm, starting with Mass. This is for everyone involved in reading at Mass, an opportunity to meet, share, be formed, and pray together. Lunch and refreshments provided St Bede's Catholic Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG24 9DX. For more details, and to register: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/readers. Please see the poster on the porch noticeboard.



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE AS A DEACON IN HIS CHURCH? - Oscott Seminary have introduced a preparatory year for men discerning a call to the Permanent Diaconate. This Propaedeutic year consists of three sessions 2018/2019 (Friday-Saturday) **9th /10th November 2018; 25th/26th January 2019 and 8th/9th March 2019.**

Its aim is to help candidates better understand the reality of a vocation to Holy Orders and to discern whether this is what God is calling them to. There will be Parish based pastoral elements, spiritual formation and intellectual input given through teaching, seminars and discussions.

Wives of prospective candidates will be supported during these days and are encouraged to attend. Attendance at these days does not commit an individual to beginning the formation program but is part of the overall selection process. **For further information email Fr Peter Hart pghaart@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk**



Share the Journey
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CAFOD - This year, the Holy Father urges us to reach out to our brothers and sisters who are forced to flee their homes. This new campaign is called **Share the Journey**.

You can **Share the Journey** by joining a walk. This is not just any walk, this is a walk around the world. Schools, parishes, and local communities across England and Wales will be walking to show solidarity with people on the move. Together, we are aiming for 24,900 miles – the distance around the whole world. **CAFOD** will use this shared journey to deliver a powerful message to world leaders, who meet in September 2018 to agree two global agreements on refugees and migration. For more information on organizing your own parish walk or to find out about a walk in your area please contact Jo Lewry portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 01252 329385



SIGNIFICANT WEDDING MASS - Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? Bishop Philip you are invited to a celebration Mass at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on **Saturday 30 June 2018**. A wonderful occasion to celebrate. Please visit the Cathedral website and complete the on-line form, <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries> Or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



DEATH CAFÉ – **Tuesday 22 May 2018**, 7.00pm at Beaton's Tearooms & Bookshop, 241 High Street, Crowthorne, RG45 7AH. We are a group of people sitting together and talking around the theme of death and dying. The idea is to make it easier to communicate about death and increase awareness of death, dying and making the most out of life. Book your place at deathcafecrowthorne@gmail.com.