

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

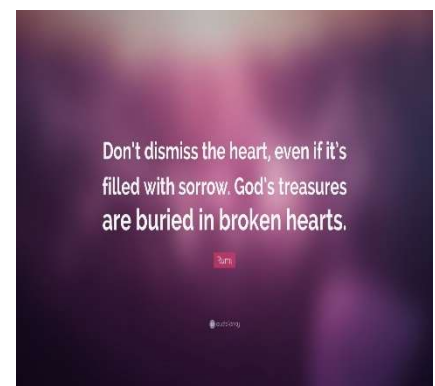
COME AND SEE

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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 story of the events at Cana, starts by declaring that they took place 'on the third day'. St. John wants the reader to be aware that something Sacred is about to reach its fulfilment and that what is about to unfold is in the hands of God. This happens at a wedding feast. But in this case the 'two' who are to become 'One' are not just a bride and a groom but humanity - represented by the Blessed Mother - and God - present as the Beloved Son.

The Mother of Jesus speaks on behalf of humanity. She presents our brokenness, our lack, our pain resulting from our distance from God. She expresses this to the Beloved Son of God with the haunting and poignant words, "They have no wine". She tells it like it is. Our broken communion with God and with each other is killing us. How many times in the Gospel does this plea express itself in other ways? The official whose son is dying, the cripple who has no one to put him in the pool, the Apostle who does not have enough bread for the hungry, Martha and Mary at the tomb of their brother. Each of these sing the song of human affliction; a dirge which allows for no celebration.



In reply, the Beloved Son calls his mother 'Woman' - mother of all the living. It is a title of reverence and an acknowledgement of her vocation to seek the wellbeing of her children. And when He asks her how this 'hurt' belongs to Him and to her, He is preparing her heart for Revelation. It is the Mission of the Beloved Son to give life to the world. (Jn:3:16-17). Her answer places their concern for everything right in the middle of their relationship. Jesus supplies the wine for the imperilled marriage of the Sacred and the Human. His mother knows who to turn to when the wine runs out!

When Jesus, who lives close to the Father's heart, saw two disciples tailing Him, He asked them to "Come and See" what this closeness was like. Later in the Gospel, when Jesus asks where they have laid Lazarus, He is told, "Come and See". As He is drawn into the tears of loss, He becomes one with those He loves. He embraces the utter vulnerability of human life. This is the path Sacred Love takes. It does not save from the outside but enters in to save from the inside. This is why, the hour, the condition for the production of great wine at the wedding in Cana, is drinking the sour wine of Golgotha. This is the truth of the 'hour' and one of the most precious truths of our faith.

The Mother of the Beloved Son knows this and, as the spokesperson for humanity in danger, she instructs the servants - that's us - to do whatever He tells them. All our efforts to stay ritually clean with water poured from outside - the six stone jars of water - are useless. Instead, the Beloved Son fills them to the brim; an abundance of wine now, that fills from the inside. A beautiful image of the Holy Spirit. It is God who holds the communion and provides what is needed. It is the Spirit, poured into our hearts who gives life.

This 'Sign', the first, works on two levels, the sensual and the spiritual. The reader is challenged to follow the clues beyond what can be seen, heard, touched, tasted, smelled and felt to taste the truth of Jesus' Glory and then give their heart to Him. Others will follow. Not in sequence 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 but as windows opening on the same truth. Each 'Sign' will call those who gaze through them from surface to depth, from exterior religion to interior adoration. In short, the reader has, in the words of one anonymous disciple, to dream that they danced with Jesus at the Wedding Feast, and pressing their ear to His Heart entered the secret, saving, Sacred presence of God!

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF: TOM LARKIN, RIP whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Thursday 31 January 2019** at 10.30am, followed by a Service at 12.30pm at Easthampstead Park Cemetery. Please pray for Tom and all his family.

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.

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

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 – JANUARY: 21st St Agnes; 24th St Francis de Sales; 25th The Conversion of St Paul; 26th St Timothy and St Titus; 28th St Thomas Aquinas; 31st St John Bosco.



MASS OFFERINGS: £2102.90. 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 FOR JANUARY: 19/20th Pax Christi Peace Sunday; 26/27th Collection for the Cathedral



MYDONATE BT – Donating is becoming easier and more secure, we have signed up to **MyDonateBT**. With **MyDonate** our parish receives more of your donation – as well as the full 25 per cent Gift Aid – it is a no direct fees, zero commission, not-for-profit service. We will receive up to 63p more for every £10 given through **MyDonate**. We have a **MyDonate** link on the parish website www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org.uk orange button **"Parish Offerings"** where you can sign up to online donations. We also have donation buttons for **"Bamenda"** and **"CAFOD"**.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – 2nd & 4th 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 : 1st/3rd Tuesdays 7.45pm – 9.30pm. Day: 1st/3rd 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

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>



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 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, 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.

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, an induction and full training will be given.

SERVICE YARD D – PARKING PENALTY NOTICE – If you received a parking penalty notice on your windscreen after Sunday's 10.30am Mass. Please return your parking penalty notice to the parish office, with your name and phone number on the back. As soon as we have received all the parking penalty notices, the Lexicon will collect them and arrange for them to be cancelled.



20 January 2019

Peace Sunday

Good politics is at the service of peace

Pope Francis

PAX CHRISTIE PEACE SUNDAY – Sunday 20 January 2019 – Message of the Holy Father Pope Francis: “Good politics at the service of peace, ‘Peace be to this house!’”:

In sending his disciples forth on mission, Jesus told them: “Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you” (Lk 10:5-6). Bringing peace is central to the mission of Christ's

disciples. That peace is offered to all those men and women who long for peace amid the tragedies and violence that mark human history. The “house” of which Jesus speaks is every family, community, country and continent, in all their diversity and history. It is first and foremost each individual person, without distinction or discrimination. But it is also our “common home”: the world in which God has placed us and which we are called to care for and cultivate. So let this be my greeting at the beginning of the New Year: “Peace be to this house!”

Please take a Pax Christi Peace Sunday donation envelope and Prayer Card this weekend and return it next weekend

Christian Unity Week of Prayer (18-25th January) – You are invited to join the town centre mission monthly prayers, taking place upstairs at the Bull on **Wednesday 23 January 2019**, 12.30pm – 1.30pm, with a unity in Christ focus. In addition, our church will be open throughout the day with a **reflective prayer space provided and a vigil taking place from 6-9 pm**



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.



CLOTHESBANK - The next Clothes Bank Giveaway, held quarterly in St Joseph's Church Hall and coordinated by St Mark's Church Binfield, is on **Wednesday 30 January 2019**. ClothesBank appreciate

donations of **good quality** used clothes for adults (men and women) and children of all ages and children's trainers, especially sizes 10 – 2. Some clothes cannot be passed on though: pyjamas, underwear and socks, for example, need to be new. Please leave your donations in the ClothesBank container that will be in the porch at St Joseph's Church at all weekend Masses, **26th/27th January**, but **please not before that weekend**. Help needed with sorting of clothes at St Mark's Binfield on **Monday 28 January**, from 9.30am and with setting up at St Joseph's on **Wednesday 30 January** from 9.15am ready for the Giveaway at 10.15am, finishing at 1pm. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you and your family would benefit from help of this kind, please contact the parish office to receive a ClothesBank voucher. Thank you.



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



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

IGNITE! (age 10-12)- Next meeting – **Friday 8 February 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!



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 or call 01252 329385

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday	19 th	6.00pm	Mass	Tom and Eileen Larkin, RIP
Sunday	20 th	8.30am	Mass	Pax Christi Peace Sunday
		10.30am	Mass	Angela Dossett
Monday	21 st	No Mass		
Tuesday	22 nd	No Mass		
Wednesday	23 rd	9.30am	Mass	Edmund Carroll

ST FRANCIS de SALES, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Thursday	24 th	9.30am	Mass	Denis Brosnan, RIP
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THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

Friday	25 th	11.00am	Exposition	
		12.10pm	Mass	Anointing of the Sick

ST TIMOTHY, Bishop & Martyr and ST TITUS, Bishop

Saturday	26 th	10.00am	Mass	Parish Counters & Verifying Teams
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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

Saturday	26 th	6.00pm	Mass	Parish Intentions
Sunday	27 th	8.30am	Mass	Marie-Claire & Frank Ducasse, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Michael Robinson, 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.**

**Parish Office: 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 1BE**  
**Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9.30am-2.30pm**

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**Deacon: Rev Aidan Lynch**

**Parish Secretary (Director of Administration): Elizabeth Fisher**

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