

THE YEAR OF SAINT MATTHEW
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

'GIVING HONEST TESTIMONY'

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

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John the Baptist doesn't just see Jesus, he sees into the heart and mission of Jesus. His invitation to 'Behold' means something worth looking at is before us. John calls Jesus the 'Lamb of God' and so do we. Yet, the sin that He takes away cannot just be seen as the individual transgressions we might make. What is taken away is the experience of being isolated from God. Jesus frees the temple animals, because they are no longer needed. The disciples go with Him at the time when animals were sacrificed in the Temple and find everything they need in Him. What is needed is to have communion with the Beloved Son of God.




John also admits to what he does not know. He has to grow in his understanding and relationship with Jesus. John is granted a sacred communication that Jesus and the Spirit are inseparable. He has to work at this insight to make it bear fruit. Coming to see the truth of Jesus takes time, patience and a genuine desire to come and see what He is revealing. We see a pattern develop. John sees Jesus, witnesses to Him and creates new disciples. Two new disciples see Jesus, witness to Him and create more disciples. It seems that we have to find out the truth about Jesus for ourselves but others who have already discovered it can show us the way.

We should ask ourselves a question about our relationship with Jesus and how we share this with others. We don't do this by having yes or no, right or wrong answers but by sharing the adventure we have been enjoying. It means we have to be honest about how our faith in Him has changed and developed. This kind of uncompromising honesty means that our sense of the adventure might be complex.

I came across a story about three people who arrived at the door of a spiritual teacher. She asked all of them the same question. "Did you come to me because of others or because of yourself?" The first answered that they had been sent by others. They were dismissed. The second answered that they came of their own accord. They were dismissed. The third stammered that they had heard of the teacher from others and yet, they also felt that they had come on their own - part curious, part frustrated, part searching and a whole lot of other reasons and motives which were hard to describe. The spiritual teacher said, "You'll do." The honest, complex person was accepted.

I don't know all of the reasons I am drawn to Jesus and struggle to follow Him. But in my own mind, hallmarks of genuine testimony begin to take shape. Honest self-examination, complexity and humility. If my testimony is meant to attract others to Jesus, I worry sometimes that after hearing or seeing me they might look elsewhere. But I also see that I must not over worry on this point. If I try to package Jesus, I lose the only truth that sustains me. You might agree that giving testimony is tricky ground. But what's the alternative?

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



PASTORAL CARE/BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT CONTACT MOBILE NUMBER - Our Pastoral Care team and Bereavement Support Group, offers support and home visits to the sick, the housebound, the lonely and the bereaved. We 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 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.

PARISH REGISTER – Have you registered you and/or your family on the parish register yet? If not, please go to the website www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org drop down “Parish Life” and click on “Parish Registration”, this is a secure database and very important for our parish and parishioners especially when applying for any of the Sacraments.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR – January: 20th St Fabian; 21st St Agnes; 22nd St Vincent; 24th St Francis de Sales; 25th The Conversion of St Paul; 27th St Angela Merici; 28th St Thomas Aquinas; 31st St John Bosco



Thank You!!!

MASS OFFERINGS: £2118.34

SECOND OFFERING FOR JANUARY: 18th/19th Pax Christi-Peace Sunday; 25th /26th Cathedral

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY

Please make cheques payable to (full name) “PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph”.

“General Gift Aid” envelopes and **Banker’s/Standing Order** forms available in the porch, please complete and return all forms and general Gift Aid envelopes to the parish office.

Registered Charity No. 246871 (Diocese of Portsmouth)

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 during term time in the hall.

***KEEP FIT:** Every Tuesday 2pm during term time in the hall.

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

RCIA: Thursdays 7:30pm-9pm in the hall.

***Cancelled for “Requiem Mass” and “No Mass”**

CHOIR PRACTICE: Thursdays 7:30pm-8:30pm in the church. All are welcome.

***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.**

***SOUP & ROLL FRIDAYS:** Every Friday after 12.10pm Mass

***Cancelled for “Requiem Mass” and “No Mass”**

TEAS & COFFEES: After all weekend Masses

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Sunday 19 January 2.30 pm at St Francis of Assisi, Ascot.



BERKSHIRE CREDIT UNION CONTACT POINTS AND DATES: Come along and have a chat with a trained volunteer at one of the locations points:

Mondays: 11.30am – 1.30pm: St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1BE **AND By Appointment:** St Paul’s Church, The Square, Ralphs Ride, RG12 9LP

Tuesdays: 12noon – 2.00pm: St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1BE

For more information, please contact Reception 01189-585803 or email reception.cslberks.org.uk Monday-Friday 10am to 2pm

Wednesdays: By appointment Crown Wood School, Opladen Way, Bracknell RG12 0PE

Thursdays: By appointment Holy Trinity Church, The Langley Hall, The Ring, Bracknell RG12 1HD **AND 1.30pm – 3.30pm** The Look-In Café, Gt Hollands Square, RG12 8UX

Fridays: 12noon – 2.00pm St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, RG12 1BE

Last Friday of the Month: 9.00am to 3.00pm Market, Princess Square, Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1BE



SOUTH BERKSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

Co-ordinating Pastor: Fr Danny McAvoy, St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, Bracknell, RG12 1BE 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

Canon Simon Thomson, 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, Peter Dossett, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, Eddie Moore, Peggy Pendergast, Ann Newton, Joyce Newland, Bridie Maughan, Angelina Ediale, Josephine Timms, 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 Torode, Dorcas Innes-Grant, Veronika Jastrzebski, Doreen Gladwin, Manuela Maria Barros, Jerry Tobin, Rico Morales, Reynalita Leysan, Marie Hughes, Jenny Bashford, Phyllis D’Souza, Donal Hanley, Jim and Frances McEvoy, Mary Murray, Thelma Briggs, Margaret Pearce, Brenda Hook, Simon Brennan, Audrey Lam, Pam Savage, Marie Swash, Terri Landmann, Jennie Tucker, Vilma Taborda, Zac Hoy

If you would like to add a name to this list with consent, or if you want a name removed, please contact the Parish Office.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF: PAULINE McSHANE, RIP

Arrangements for Pauline's funeral will be made known as soon as they are confirmed.
Please pray for Pauline and all her family.

May her soul 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: DAVID MALCOLMSON, RIP

Arrangements for David's funeral will be made known as soon as they are confirmed.
Please pray for David and all his family.

May his soul 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: DESMOND HATCH, RIP

Desmond's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church on
Thursday 30 January 2020 at 10.00am followed by a Service at Easthampstead Crematorium at 12.00noon.
Please pray for Desmond and all his family.

May his soul 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: MARY GRANT, RIP

Mary's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church on
Friday 7 February 2020 at 12.00noon followed by a Service at Easthampstead Crematorium at 2.00pm.
Please pray for Mary and all her family.

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

CAR PARK – FUNERAL GATE: We politely ask you not to park in the spaces at the town centre side of the car park after 12noon the day before a Requiem Mass at the Church. This is to enable us to lock the funeral gate to secure the area for the hearse and family mourners' cars to turn and park at the church for the Requiem Mass. Thank you.



YOUTH ALPHA – On-Line Registration OPEN!! Register via the Parish Website

It's not too late to join us on this journey of exploration even if the first session was missed, register online via the parish website and just come along to our next session on **Friday 24 January**, 7pm – 9pm in the Church Hall.

Got a question? Please email us at youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org

IGNITE! (AGE 10 TO 12 YEARS)

Join us for our next meeting on **Friday 14 February** in the Church Hall - 7pm to 9pm

EPIPHANY PARTY: A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the Epiphany party such a success. Those who came thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and the food and entertainment was superb.



PAX CHRISTI – PEACE SUNDAY – 18th /19th JANUARY: “The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

Please support our Pax Christi work by taking a donation envelope this weekend and return weekend **25th /26th January**. There are also Pax Christi prayer cards, regular donation sign up cards and booklets on the fantastic work of Pax Christi for you to take home and read about their valuable work around the world.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - WEEKDAY MASSES CANCELLED

January: 9.30am on 22nd, and 23rd, 12.10pm on 24th and 10.00am on 25th



CLOTHESBANK - Clothes Bank Giveaway, held quarterly in St Joseph's Church Hall and coordinated by St Mark's Church Binfield, is on **Wednesday 29 January 2020**. The 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, must be new. Help needed with sorting of clothes at St Mark's Binfield on **Monday 27 January**, from 9.30am and with setting up at St Joseph's on **Wednesday 29 January** from 9.00am ready for the Giveaway at 10.15am, closing at 1pm. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you and your family would benefit from help of this kind, please contact the parish office for a ClothesBank voucher. Thank you.



CHRISM MASS, CATHEDRAL PORTSMOUTH – Tuesday 7 April 2020 at 11.00am at the Cathedral. We want to offer a “mobility impaired” accessible coach for able-bodied and mobility impaired parishioners who wish to attend this beautiful Mass. We will only book this coach if there are enough parishioners signed up to travel on the coach, please contact the parish office on 01344 425729 or email stbh@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk **closing date Friday 31 January** to put your name on the passenger list. There is no charge but donations are welcome.



RCIA: PRAYING FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH ON THE JOURNEY OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION
Please continue to pray for Atkins Amucherahowa, Emmanuel Quartey, Stephanie Storer and Gifty Nketia

RCIA SPONSORS

We had just one person respond to our appeal for people who usually attend this Mass to walk alongside our RCIA candidates as sponsors. Please reconsider. If you're not sure about what it entails please speak to Mary McNab or contact the parish office.



TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Saturday	18 th	6.00pm	Mass	Day of Prayer for Christian Unity
Sunday	19 th	8.30am	Mass	Day of Prayer for Peace
		10.30am	Mass	Mary Theresa Griffin, RIP
Monday	20 th	No Mass		
Tuesday	21 st	No Mass		
Wednesday	22 nd	No Mass		
Thursday	23 rd	No Mass		
Friday	24 th	No Mass		
Saturday	25 th	No Mass		

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Saturday	25 th	6.00pm	Mass	Michael Howlett, RIP
Sunday	26 th	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Stephen, Mary, Tony and John Griffin

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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"**

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**Parish Priest: Fr. Daniel McAvoy**

**Deacon: Rev. Aidan Lynch**

**Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Fisher**

**Pastoral Assistant: Mary McNab**

**Safeguarding Representatives: Sarah Birch, Marion McGuire, Paula Read**

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