

THE YEAR OF MATTHEW
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A
THE TOUCH OF THE MASTERS HAND

12 March 2017 - Psalter Week 2 – Missal Page 155



Last week, we reflected that empty or full, hurting or not, and without any power over others, Jesus is confirmed, and will not let go of the truth that He is the Beloved Son of God. There is a powerful teaching here about Him. There is also an invitation to us to remember that the circumstances of our life may change but our infinite preciousness before God does not.

A few years ago I attended a Lenten Liturgy for rough sleepers and this poem was read during the service. Last night, our RCIA group were led in a beautiful meditation by Louise on the Transfiguration of Jesus. She asked us to ponder what it might be like for the Beloved Son of God to touch us. Ponder this poem often during the week. It is beautiful, and, like all beautiful things, it has the power to transfigure us.



'Twas battered and scarred,
And the auctioneer thought it
hardly worth his while
To waste his time on the old violin,
but he held it up with a smile.

"What am I bid, good people", he cried,
"Who starts the bidding for me?"
"One dollar, one dollar, Do I hear two?"
"Two dollars, who makes it three?"
"Three dollars once, three dollars twice, going for three,"

But, No,
From the room far back a gray bearded man
Came forward and picked up the bow,
Then wiping the dust from the old violin
And tightening up the strings,
He played a melody, pure and sweet
As sweet as the angel sings.

The music ceased and the auctioneer
With a voice that was quiet and low,
Said "What now am I bid for this old violin?"
As he held it aloft with its' bow.

"One thousand, one thousand, Do I hear two?"
"Two thousand, Who makes it three?"
"Three thousand once, three thousand twice,
Going and gone", said he.

The audience cheered,
But some of them cried,
"We just don't understand."
"What changed its' worth?"
Swift came the reply.
"The Touch of the Masters Hand."

"And many a man with life out of tune
All battered and bruised with hardship
Is auctioned cheap to a thoughtless crowd
Much like that old violin

A mess of pottage, a glass of wine,
A game and he travels on.
He is going once, he is going twice,
He is going and almost gone.

But the Master comes,
And the foolish crowd never can quite understand,
The worth of a soul and the change that is wrought
By the Touch of the Masters' Hand.

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

Saturday	11 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Arlette Ryan, RIP
Sunday	12 th	8.30am	Mass	Anne Zinn
		10.30am	Mass	Patrick Holmwood, RIP
Monday	13 th	No Mass		
Tuesday	14 th	9.30am	Mass	John Mycock, RIP
Wednesday	15 th	9.30am	Mass	Theresa Merciecia, RIP
Thursday	16 th	9.30am	Mass	Pat Maguire, RIP

ST PATRICK, Feast

Friday	17 th	11.00am	Stations of the Cross	
		11.30am	Exposition	
		12.10am	Mass	Sidney McGuire, RIP
Saturday	18 th	10.00am	Mass	James and Johanna Moriarty, RIP

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

Saturday	18 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Joseph Flannagan, RIP
Sunday	19 th	8.30am	Mass	James and Johanna Moriarty, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Bridget and Dan Madden, RIP
		2.30pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	



Tuesday to Thursday: 9.10am Morning Prayer; **Thursday:** 10.15 am Mother's Prayers;
Saturday: 9.30am Rosary, 1st Saturday of the month 9.30am Pro-Life Rosary and Confessions
 every Saturday at 10.45am or on request

DID YOU KNOW...?



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Please email your newsletter item(s) to the parish office stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk no later than midday on Wednesdays.



WELCOME – FR ADRIAN WALKER – Will be celebrating Masses **Tuesday 14 March to Friday 17 March 2017** at St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church. Please come by and give a warm welcome to Fr Adrian.

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 when reaching across lighted candles wearing loose clothing, etc.

Dementia Awareness



DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK – 12th to 19th March 2017. The national Dementia Prayer Week organised by the Pastoral Care Project is an invitation to everyone to pray for and with those who live among us with dementia. "During this week we remember especially the often forgotten pain of those suffering with dementia and those who care for them." Dementia Awareness Week follows **15th – 21st May 2017**.

Medaille Trust

LENTEN PROJECT : MEDAILLE TRUST – Sharon Westby from the Medaille Trust has helped us to understand more of the sufferings of our sisters and brothers who are trafficked and enslaved. Over the next six weeks of the season of Lent we are invited to pray for, fast with and give concrete support to this amazing charity. All offerings can be gift aided so please use the envelopes provided which will be available at all weekend Masses throughout Lent. We do all this to set someone free.



CALLED & GIFTED PRAYER REQUESTS - If you would like prayer for your own intention, for your parish or for any need, go to the home page of the Portsmouth Diocese website, scroll down to the "prayer request" button, where you can leave an anonymous request which will go to 40 intercessors throughout the Diocese.



PASTORAL CARE – Next Prayer and Pastoral Care meeting on **Wednesday 15 March 2017** 7pm - 8pm Do you live with a disability or care for someone who does? Would you feel able to share your expertise with others? Everyone is welcome as we explore ways of reaching out to those who need our love and support.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Every Friday morning during Lent at 11.00am to 11.30am, followed by Exposition at 11.30am.



FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY – ST MARGARET CLITHEROW SCHOOL – Applications close **Friday 17 March 2017** at 3.30pm. The terms is for 4 years from date of appointment. Expression of interest is being sought from practising committed Catholics for this ministry, experience not necessary. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by Bishop Philip, to represent his and the Catholic community as a whole. Please contact secretary@office.stmargaretc.bracknell-forest.sch.uk

GOSPEL CHALLENGE - Monday 13 March: 86 Qualitas, Bracknell and Monday 27 March: 58 Qualitas, Bracknell

KEEP FIT OVER 50's CLUB – Every Tuesday 2.00pm to 3.00pm in the Hall.

TODDLER GROUP – Every Tuesday, 9.30am – 11.30am in the Hall during term time.

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

RCIA – Every Thursday, 7.30pm to 9.00pm in the Hall.

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

YOUTH GROUP – Every Friday, 7.00pm – 9.00pm in the Hall during term time.



LAST WEEK'S MASS OFFERINGS – THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS: Total amount £1,882.55. Please make cheques payable to "PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph".

We pray for the Sick and Housebound of Our Community and for those who care for them.

Sick and Housebound:

Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Adrian Sweeney, Thelma Briggs, Johanna Lenz, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, and Yvonne Gantzer, Jadwiga Butcher, June Cooper, Lilijan Rodenburg, Marjorie Brown Josephine & Maurice Timms, Andrea Brown, Blanche Shap, Chris Curtis.

Those who are unwell or in hospital:

Bill Guilfoyle, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Una Mair, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Nora Cronin, Patricia Holmwood, Fr Vincent Convery, Teresa Bullock, Maria Bishop, Peggy Pendergast, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Serafina Delmundo, Brian Mecklenburg,

Ann Newton, Bridie Maughan, Francis Robinson, Tom Corridan, Allan James, Nicholas Powell, Peggy O'Sullivan, Caroline Nirmalan, Kathleen Brosnan.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY – Friday 10 March 2017. Thank you for listening to the talks last weekend about Florence and her fish. Please remember to leave your envelopes during mass this weekend. If you have forgotten your envelope then you can still donate via text messaging by texting FAST17 to 70070 this will donate £5 to the Lenten appeal. All donations and prayers for Florence will help as Florence trains others in her community on fish farming. Many thanks for your continued support of CAFOD



CHRISM MASS, CATHEDRAL PORTSMOUTH – Tuesday 11 April 2017 at 11.00am. We have a “mobility impaired” accessible coach for able-bodied and mobility impaired parishioners who wish to attend this most beautiful Mass. We have 46 places for the coach departing from St Joseph’s Church at 8.00am, returning approx 4.00pm, please contact the parish office. **Please note, the Parish Office will be closed on 11 April 2017. No 9.30am Mass.**



CHOIR REHEARSAL FOR THE CHRISM MASS - Would you like to join the volunteer choir for the beautiful Chrim Mass on **Tuesday 11th April 2017** at St John’s Cathedral in Portsmouth. The rehearsal is on **Saturday 1st April 2017** at St Bede’s Church, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX starting at 11am. Please e-mail Chris Olding colding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk with your name, parish and voice (Soprano/Alto/Tenor/ Bass/ tune).



Amoris Laetitia
On Love in the Family

‘REBUILDING MARRIAGE: BEHIND ‘AMORIS LAETITIA’ (‘The Joy of Love’) by **POPE FRANCIS** - On **Wednesday 12 April 2017**, 7pm - 8pm in St Joseph’s Church Hall, Bracknell a talk on this subject will be given by Dr Austen Ivereigh, author of The Great Reformer, a book about the papacy of Pope Francis. All are welcome to attend.

VOLUNTEER DBS FORMS – If you have recently volunteered for any of the ministries within the parish, your DBS Application Pack is ready for collection in the Sacristy, brown named envelope. Once completed and ID ready for copying, please contact Marion McGuire.

DBS REFRESHER SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - On **Saturday 20 May 2017**, 10.00am – 12.30pm at St Joseph’s, Berkshire Drive, Tilehurst, Reading RG31 5JJ. The Trainer is Jo Hopkins, Diocesan Safeguarding Trainer. If you wish to attend this session, please register with Soraya Ciccarone email soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book your place.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS LENTEN RETREAT - At Douai Abbey, Upper Woolhampton, Reading, RG7 5TQ. There are four dates available to choose from: **Sunday 19 March** and **Saturday 8 April**. Approximate timings are 9.30am to 4.30pm. Lunch is included. Places for each day are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.
To sign-up online : <http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/retreat.html> or contact the parish office.



ST PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATION – We are having an evening to celebrate, in a typically Irish way, with music and dancing. Put a note in your diary **Saturday 18 March 2017**, from 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Entry is free. Please bring your own drinks and snacks, tea and coffee will be available. **CEAD MILE FÁILTE**



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET – There will be The Divine Mercy Chaplet on 19 March, at St Joseph’s Bracknell at 2.30 pm. No celebration of The Chaplet Sunday April 23rd at St Joseph’s in Bracknell an alternative Church will be advised.



CORPUS CHRISTI FOUNDATION of the UNION of CATHOLIC MOTHERS – Invite the ladies of St Joseph’s Parish to come along to their Annual Day of Recollection on “The Women of St Matthew’s Gospels” on **Saturday 18 March 2017**, 9.30am to 3.30pm. The venue is Keenan Rooms, Corpus Christi, Wokingham RG40 2HE. The registration fee of £10 includes coffee/tea/biscuits, lunch with drinks, afternoon tea/coffee and cakes. To register, please contact Francesca Chard tel: 01189 784630.



BRACKNELL CHORAL SOCIETY SPRING CONCERT - **Saturday 25 March 2017** at 7.30pm, will be returning to St Joseph’s Church. The choir will perform a concert of Baroque favourites with great young professional soloists and Baroque orchestra, Poetica Musica, conducted by Greg Hallam with Nick Austin on the organ. The programme features Vivaldi *Gloria*, Haydn *Little Organ Mass*, Telemann *Laudate Jehovam* and Albinoni *Trumpet Concerto*. Tickets cost £15 (accompanied under -18’s free) available from tickets@bracknellchoral.org.uk or at the door. Wine and soft drinks will be served in the interval for a small donation. For information, please visit the website, www.bracknellchoral.org.uk (Please note: **Morning Mass at 9.00am. No 6.00pm Mass. (5.30pm Vigil Mass at St Francis, Coronation Road, Ascot, SL5 9HG)**)



SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS - Please contact the Parish Office if you are celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years and you wish to attend the Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass at St Bede’s Church, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX on **Saturday 24 June 2017** at 11am. You can also email: anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – We hope to take a group from our parish to join the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from **Friday 18th - Friday 25th August 2017** and is led by Bishop Philip. For information contact the parish office or visit <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/>