

THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE
THE YEAR OF THE RELENTLESS WIDOW
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

LISTENING TO JESUS

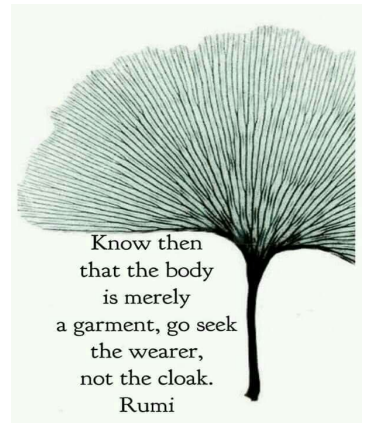
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PARISH PRAYER FOR EVANGELISATION: *Heavenly Father, we thank you for gathering us together and calling us to serve as your disciples. You have given us, through your Son Jesus, the mission of evangelising and witnessing your love to the world. Send 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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Today St. Luke paints a portrait of Jesus at prayer. As we gaze upon Him, we are struck not just by His transparency, but by how He is totally at one with His Father in Heaven. He radiates the Spirit which has been given to Him without reserve and the world is better for it. His Light comes from within but it searches out the arena of engagement and action. It flows into the world. Then guests arrive. Moses and Elijah. Both were men of the high places. They went to the mountains to talk to God about what was happening in the valleys, and there they received Wisdom, Courage and Illumination for what they had to do below. They don't seem to be over absorbed in the Transfiguration of Jesus. There is a more pressing concern - the events which are about to unfold in Jerusalem. They are on the mountain to consider the affairs of earth. Prayer is only preparation for action! This is why all three appear in Glory. For they are not isolated individuals in touch with God. Glory is how they act on the earth, and Jesus, the Beloved Son of God, is moving to redeem the history of the world.

St. Luke portrays the disciples as being in a kind of twilight zone. They are sleepy yet managing to stay awake. They get it and don't get it all at the same time. They see but not as clearly as they could, and they sense that something more is to come. We can therefore forgive Peter for not being sensitive to the departure of Moses and Elijah. Peter wants to hold them where they are, build three tents, as if the three were equals. All of this gets blown away by a spectacular unfolding. The cloud covers them and Jesus is revealed for who He really is. But the voice is speaking to the disciples this time. Jesus is the Beloved Son, the Chosen One. All disciples have to do is Listen to Him! With these words the cloud shatters and Jesus is now alone. I love it that these disciples are half right, half wrong, half asleep and half awake, seeing and not seeing, hearing and not hearing. So they are commanded to listen to the Divine Teacher. They are to ponder the meaning of the events they have just seen. It will take time - learning how to listen to Him.



In ancient China, on the top of Mount Ping stood a temple where the enlightened one lived. One of Hwan's disciples was Lao-Li and he had been a student and disciple of the Master for many years. Yet he had never reached enlightenment and he decided to return to the valleys below. When he went to tell Hwan, he was at prayer. But before he could speak Hwan said that he would make the journey down the mountain with him the next day. The next morning, as they stared out, the master looked out at the vastness surrounding the mountain peak and asked, "Lao-li, what do you see?" "Master, I see the sun beginning to awake on the horizon, hills, mountains that stretch for miles, a lake and an old town." The master smiled and they walked the rest of the way in silence. When they arrived at the foot of the mountain, the master asked Lao-Li again, "What do you see?" "Master, I see cows asleep, roosters on the run, children at play, a flowing stream."

The Master was silent till they reached the gates of the town. He invited Lao-Li to sit with him a while. "What did you learn today, Lao-Li? Perhaps this will be the last Wisdom I can impart to you." Lao-Li was silent. After a long while the Master said, "The road to understanding is like the journey down the mountain. It comes only to those who realise that what one sees at the top of the mountain is not what one sees at the bottom. Without this Wisdom, we close our minds. But with this Wisdom there comes an awakening. We realise that alone one can see only so much, which, in truth, isn't much at all. This is the Wisdom that opens our lives to improvement, topples our prejudices and teaches us to respect that which we do not yet fully understand. Never forget this last lesson Lao-Li: what you cannot see can be seen from another part of the mountain."

When the Master had finished speaking, Lao-Li looked out to the horizon and saw the sun setting before him. It seemed to rise in his heart. Lao-Li turned to speak to his master but the great one was gone.

For you and me, Jesus is the other part of the mountain. There will be days when we get Him and days when we don't. But the reason we Listen to Him is that He has the words of eternal life. But to make room for these words, we have to let go of the words that bring death. So we listen until His Word does its work in us, until life overcomes death. For this Transfiguration was the first step on the road to Jerusalem and to the Garden of the Resurrection.

## 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)



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF : BRIDGET EADE, RIP** whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Thursday 21 March 2019** at 12.00noon. Please pray for Bridget 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, the rest of the car park is available. This is to enable the funeral gate to be closed to secure the area for the hearse and family mourners' cars to turn and park at the church for the Requiem Mass. Thank you.



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR – MARCH:** 19<sup>th</sup> St Joseph; 25<sup>th</sup> The Annunciation of the Lord.  
**APRIL:** 14<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday; 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.

**MASS OFFERINGS: £1995.62**



**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 MARCH: 16/17<sup>th</sup> CAFOD Lenten Fast Day; 30/31<sup>st</sup> Clergy Assistance Fund**

**THE SHOP WILL BE OPEN SATURDAYS 5.30pm -7.00pm AND SUNDAYS 9.30am – 10.30am.**

**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 –** 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 :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, 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, refreshments after Mass.

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

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

**OFS - Saturday 20 April 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, 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, Jane Rodrigues Thelma Briggs, Hazel Andersen, Margaret Pearce.

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



**DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK 12th - 19th March 2019** The national Dementia Prayer Week organised by the Pastoral Care Project is an invitation to everyone to pray for and with those who live with dementia and their families who care for them.

### Prayer for those living with Dementia

*Father of all goodness, your Son brought healing of mind and body to show that your Kingdom is here. In our hour of need, we look to you, we seek to understand your purpose. Through Joseph, the faithful and honourable husband of Mary, you show us care and compassion in adversity, you give us a model of generosity and care. We pray for those whose lives we share and who live with the knowledge of weakness, whose memory now fades, whose enjoyment of life's story is changing. Make us aware of the needs of others, of the dignity of life at every stage, of the collective memory that we own. Bless those who care for the sick, who share the journey. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, in Your good time. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen. Fr Timothy Menezes the Pastoral Care Project ©*



### JOINT YOUTH GROUP SOCIAL EVENT – Friday 5 April 2019 - Indoor Climbing - FULLY BOOKED.

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



**LENT FAST DAY MEETINGS** - CAFOD Lent family fast day an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters overseas who are in need. On **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** can you eat simple meal so that others can simply eat. Through CAFOD's global network your support can reach to the ends of the earth so please collect your fast day envelope from church and give

whatever you can or you can donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Fast-Day> Thank you.



**CAFOD SOUP-ER SUNDAY** - In support of CAFOD Family Fast Day, a soup and roll lunch will be held at 12pm on **Sunday 17 March 2019** in the church hall. Donations towards the cost by bringing your Family Fast day envelope or cash. It will be Soup-er There will be NO teas & coffees after the 10.30am Mass. **Don't forget to move your car from Service Yard D before 12noon into the church car park.**

**CHARLES WHITEHEAD TALK** - Please put this date in your personal diary/calendar, Charles Whitehead will be giving a talk in the Parish Hall on **Tuesday 19 March 2019**, the session will be from 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. A talk **WHAT DO WE MEAN BY 'WALKING IN THE SPIRIT' AND HOW DO WE DO IT?** followed by praying over individuals if they wish.

**CLOTHESBANK** - The ClothesBank Giveaway, held quarterly in St Joseph's Church Hall, coordinated by St Mark's Church Binfield, is on **Wednesday 27 March**. This ClothesBank we would appreciate donations of new children's pyjamas, underwear and socks and good quality used clothes for children of all ages and children's trainers, especially sizes 10 – 2. Please contact St Mark's Binfield, tel: 01344 421079 before making your donation. Help needed sorting clothes at St Mark's Binfield on **Mon 25<sup>th</sup> March**, from 9.30am and setting up at St Joseph's on **Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March** from around 9.15am ready to start Giveaway at 10.15am, ending 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.



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

### THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Are a 14 stop journey following Christ on the path to Calvary and beyond to the tomb, with prayers and intercessions along the way to focus our hearts. The Stations of the Cross will be led by different parishioners each week:

**Every Thursday evening in Lent (not Holy Thursday) at 7.00pm in the church**

**Every Friday in Lent (not Good Friday) at 11.00am. Exposition 11.30am, Mass 12.10pm.**

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



**PENITENTIAL SERVICES** – For the South Berkshire Pastoral Area is:

**Thursday 4 April 2019 at 7.30pm : Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst, GU47 9BS**



**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, **closing date 29 March**. 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. **The coach is expensive this year, donations appreciated towards the cost of the coach.**



**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.



**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**



**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

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

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|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Saturday        | 16 <sup>th</sup>       | 6.00pm            | Mass                                    | Amelia Ferreira & George Martins, RIP   |
| Sunday          | 17 <sup>th</sup>       | 8.30am            | Mass                                    | Parish Intentions                       |
|                 |                        | 10.30am           | Mass                                    | Vincent Robinson                        |
| Monday          | 18 <sup>th</sup>       | <b>No Mass</b>    |                                         |                                         |
| Tuesday         | 19 <sup>th</sup>       | <b>No Mass</b>    |                                         |                                         |
| Wednesday       | 20 <sup>th</sup>       | 9.30am            | Mass                                    | James & Johanna Moriarty, RIP           |
| <b>Thursday</b> | <b>21<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>12.00 noon</b> | <b>Requiem Mass – Bridget Eade, RIP</b> |                                         |
| Friday          | 22 <sup>nd</sup>       | 11.00am           | Exposition                              |                                         |
|                 |                        | 12.10pm           | Mass                                    | Phyllis Witham, RIP                     |
| Saturday        | 23 <sup>rd</sup>       | 10.00am           | Mass                                    | First Holy Communion Children & Parents |

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

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| Saturday | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Fred Byrne, RIP     |
| Sunday   | 24 <sup>h</sup>  | 8.30am  | Mass | A Distressed Family |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass | Parish Intentions   |

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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: 9.30am Stations of the Cross during Lent, 1st Saturday of the month 9.30am Pro-Life Rosary.

Confessions: Every Saturday at 10.45am or prior appointment.

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