

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

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

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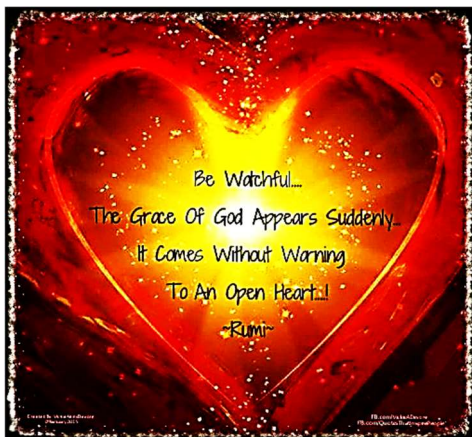
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The Teacher calls an inner circle of His disciples into the depth of Himself. To do this, He takes them up a high mountain, a favourite place for a meeting with God. Here, He is transfigured into light. The 'three' are given an astonishing gift – to see Jesus, the Beloved Son, in communion with His Abba. The gift is given so that they might grow in their desire to follow Jesus. It hasn't been easy for them. What they are seeing is for their benefit.

But then more is given. Elijah and Moses arrive. They too like high mountains. In their own day they went there to talk with God and to find the wisdom to make God's plan work with people who were highly resistant to them. Speaking on behalf of the 'three', Peter exclaims that it is great to be part of this event. But these are the words of someone who feels he is in over his head. The One they were shadowing is now even more attractive and, at the same time, a little bit scary!

Then even more is given. A cloud descends and now God is shadowing them. This is probably as close as you're going to get to God. And then God speaks. He reveals the true name of this Jesus. It is the same name that was given at His Baptism in the Jordan, 'My Son, the Beloved'. For disciples, this is a call to listen more attentively to what the Beloved Son is saying. This is the revelation.

And then, the moment of Grace ends, as they must. Now all they have is Jesus and the truth about Him. The vision has strengthened their understanding of Jesus as God's Beloved Son and the inheritor of the law and the prophets. They know that Jesus has God's seal of approval, but they have yet to understand the divine plan. Somehow, this is tied to the rather mysterious question of the Son of Man "rising from the dead". And so, until they understand both the identity of Jesus and the divine plan, they are charged to be silent. They are, and yet they try to solve the puzzle amongst themselves. As do we!



I wonder if we might come closer to understanding in this way. Those who turn away from God are left in communities of loneliness. Loneliness brings panic, and, in their panic, people will try anything to fill the void they have made in their own lives. Grace reverses this process. People grounded in God do not know what it is like to be separated. Their communion fills them and propels them outwards. Instead of trying to grab and hold, they find joy in giving themselves. And here they discover one of life's strangest truths, that the source of life is always available to those who walk with generous hearts before God. These are the ones who bring strength and healing to a broken and troubled world.

In the Transfiguration narrative Jesus radiates outwards. This is the sign of His communion with God. Neither God nor Jesus abandon this troubled world or her troubled people. They move in sync to restore what was lost. This is what disciples are meant to understand. That feeling grounded and at home and flowing into the world with compassion and blessing, they find a deeper compassion and more abundant blessing. Thus, they are transfigured with Christ.

Cyprian Smith states the case beautifully: *"It is possible for human beings, living, thinking and acting in God, to think, see and do as God does. Instead of standing within the created world, looking in it for signs of a God who is outside it, we stand within God and it is the world that now appears outside, we are greater than it. It appears as a pale and imperfect reflection of the dazzling and brilliant truth in which we are living and making our home"*.

*(The Way of Paradox: Spiritual Life as Taught by Meister Eckhart.)*

# 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](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**CORONAVIRUS - TAKING RESPONSIBILITY** : Until further notice for all Masses, the “Blood of Christ” Chalice and the HANDSHAKE “Sign of Peace” is suspended, the prayer will still be offered. Our priority is the health and safety of all parishioners and visitors. Thank you for helping us to act responsibly during this outbreak.



**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](mailto: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](http://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 – March:** 17<sup>th</sup> St Patrick; 19<sup>th</sup> St Joseph; 25<sup>th</sup> The Annunciation of the Lord.



Thank You!!!

**MASS OFFERINGS: £2067.24**

**SECOND OFFERINGS - MARCH: CAFOD Lenten 7<sup>th</sup>/ 8<sup>th</sup>; Clergy Assistance Fund 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**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:** 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 during term time in the hall.

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

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

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

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

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

**\*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”**

**YOUTH GROUP: ALPHA** (13-17y.o) Retreat Weekend **28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> March; Please return Consent Forms to parish office asap.**

**TEAS & COFFEES:** After all weekend Masses

**OFS:** Every third Saturday in the month 2pm-4pm starting in April, 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: 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

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

**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

**For more information, please contact Reception 01189-585803 or email [reception.cslberks.org.uk](mailto:reception.cslberks.org.uk) Monday-Friday 10am to 2pm**



## 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, 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 Tabora, Zac Hoy, Terry and Mary Brennan

**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**  
 Pauline's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church on  
**Thursday 19 March 2020 at 12.30pm** followed by a Service at Easthampstead Park Crematorium at 2.30pm,  
 refreshments in the church hall after the Crematorium.  
 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.**

**CAR PARK – FUNERAL GATE:** We politely ask you not to park in the spaces at the town centre side of the car park 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.



**THE GIFT** - an inspiring and practical series aimed at people of all ages to help you encounter the Holy Spirit and empower you to share your faith. Six consecutive Tuesday evenings starting here on **14 April 2020** in the hall.



**CATHOLICISM SERIES** - Would you like to understand the Catholic faith better and deepen your Christian life? The pilot session is **Friday 27 March 2020** 7pm-8.30pm parish hall exploring the faith our role in the world alongside Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism Series. The series promises an exciting journey as you enjoy Bishop Barron's honest presentation and learn how to become more intentional disciples of Jesus. All welcome.

## CatholicVoices

All are invited to a series of talks and discussions in our church hall at 7pm Wednesdays. Sign-up online at [www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/cvtalks](http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/cvtalks) or contact the parish office. See posters in the porch and hall for information. The talks are not suitable for those under 16 years, under 18 years must be accompanied by an adult.

**11th March: Defending the Unborn: The Church and Abortion; 8th July: Gender, Sexuality, and Same-Sex Partnerships; 22nd July: Love, Marriage, and Contraception**



### DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK 12-19 March 2020

National Dementia Prayer Week organised by the Pastoral Care Project invites everyone to pray for and with those who live with dementia and their families who care for them. 9.30am Mass **Thursday 12 March** is celebrated for their intentions.

### 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 ©*



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



### CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH

The Lent CAFOD's family fast day is an opportunity to reach out to some of the poorest, most marginalised of our sisters and brothers by eating a simple meal and put what you save in the CAFOD collection envelope.

### THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Every Thursday at 7.00pm, Friday at 11.00am and Saturday at 9.30am

Except Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Friday Stations will be cancelled for Requiem Mass



**CHRISM MASS, CATHEDRAL PORTSMOUTH – Tuesday 7 April 2020** at 11.00am at the Cathedral. Seats available on the coach, please contact the parish office on 01344 425729 or email [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). **No charge but donations are very welcome as the coach is expensive, please make your donation to the parish office by 31 March. Please be at St Josephs by 7.30am to leave at 8.00am prompt, arriving back at St Joseph's 4pm.**



**MAUNDY THURSDAY : THE EASTER TRIDUUM** – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper – **Thursday 9 April 2020** at 7.30pm. New Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word will be Faculty commissioned at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.



**GOOD FRIDAY: Celebration of the Lord's Passion** Friday 10 April 2020, 3.00pm. Day of fasting and abstinence.

**Town Centre Prayer Walk from Holy Trinity 11am, The Passion Play in Union Square at 12 noon**



**HOLY SATURDAY : Easter Vigil Service** on **Saturday 11 April 2020** 8.00pm

**DURING LENT, Please pray for** Atkins Mucherahowa, Gifty Nketia and Stephanie Storer being received into full communion Easter Vigil Holy Saturday.



### EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sunday 12 April 2020

Mass at 8.30am and 10.30am

### VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

**OFFERING COUNTERS:** Volunteers to count the offerings after 10:30 Mass on Sundays, a rota basis, please contact the parish office.

**BABY & TODDLER GROUP:** Volunteers the Baby & Toddler Group, in the hall every Tuesday, term time, 9.00am to 12.00am, please contact the parish office with your details



### SINGING FOR JOY

A parish singing group sharing the love of Christ through song to the local Care Homes, all welcome to join us see venues and dates:

**ASTBURY MANOR:** RG12 7AU: Sunday 8 March at 2.15pm  
**BRACKNELL CARE HOME:** RG12 7DN: 11 March and 1 April at 1.45pm  
**EDMUNDS COURT:** RG12 2HP: 25 March at 2.15pm  
**CLEMENT HOUSE:** RG12 2GH: 19 April at 2.15pm

# TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

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|-----------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Saturday  | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 6.00pm         | Mass                                | Parish Intentions                         |
| Sunday    | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.30am         | Mass                                | May Piddock, RIP; Rod Piddock & Family    |
|           |                  | 10.30am        | Mass                                | Cesar and Maxima Camba, RIP               |
| Monday    | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>No Mass</b> |                                     |                                           |
| Tuesday   | 10 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |                                     |                                           |
| Wednesday | 11 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass                                | Maura Holt                                |
| Thursday  | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass                                | Those Living with Dementia & Their Family |
| Friday    | 13 <sup>th</sup> | 11.30am        | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |                                           |
|           |                  | 12.10pm        | Mass                                | Intentions of Amy D'Souza                 |
| Saturday  | 14 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am        | Mass                                | Margaret Egan, RIP                        |

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

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| Saturday | 14 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Magdalena and George Lobo, RIP |
| Sunday   | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Parish Intentions              |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass | Chantal Daniel, RIP            |

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Wednesday & Thursday: 9.10am Morning Prayer

**Thursday: After Mass “Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help”,
10.15am Mother’s Prayers**

**Saturday: 1st Saturday of the month 9.30am Pro-Life Rosary
Confessions: Every Saturday at 10.45am or prior appointment**

**Stations of the Cross during Lent (except Maundy Thursday and Good Friday):
Every Thursday at 7.00pm, every Friday at 11.00am and every Saturday at 9.30am**

THESE WILL BE CANCELLED FOR “REQUIEM MASS AND “NO MASS”

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