

THE YEAR OF SAINT MARK
EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B
THE GOOD SHEPHERD WHO RESTORES OUR SOUL

29 July 2018 – Mass Book Page 112 - Psalter Week 1

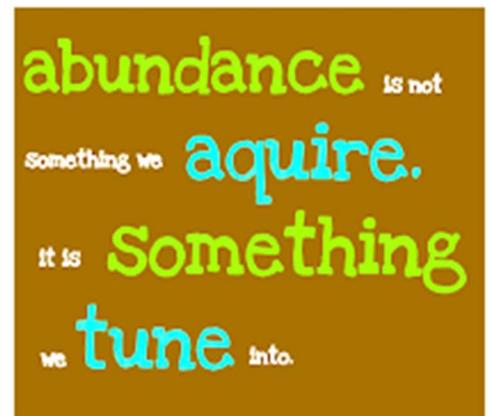
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Jesus has a huge following, but the crowd seem to be drawn more by His healing miracles than by His teaching. Miracles, as we know, are meant to be seen through more than to be looked at. If we come only to stare we will remain on the surface. If we come to ponder in our hearts, we will receive revelation.

Mountains are a favoured teaching place for Jesus. Mountain tops are where the Sacred and the Ordinary kiss. Jesus himself is that meeting place. So, He sits in the posture of a teacher with His disciples around Him. What unfolds will be a teaching on how the Sacred and the human work together. The lesson begins as Jesus looks up with the eyes of the Spirit and sees a large crowd moving towards Him. He wants to teach them how Spirit reveals itself in the flesh. This is who Jesus is and it is what He always reveals.

But His disciples do not see reality the way Jesus does. Jesus, the Teacher, tests them to see if they are ready to receive the revelation. Phil and Andy are mired in the material world. They see 'not enough bread' and 'too many people'. They see scarcity and impossibility. They do not know how to bring the spiritual to the physical, so Jesus has to teach them.

The disciples must learn the Spiritual Law of Abundance. Their learning activity is to gather up all that is left over so that nothing of this teaching is lost. They must remember and integrate this spiritual teaching into their own lives and the lives of their community. First, Jesus has the disciples inviting the people to sit. They are on the green grass of Psalm 23 and the Lord is going to restore their soul. Jesus is not daunted by the huge number of guests. Andy and Phil can only do division. They divide five plus two into five thousand panics! Jesus prefers multiplication! He sees the five loaves and two fish as a spiritual starting point. Five plus two is seven and this indicates that this is the perfect place to start. For Phil and Andy, what they have will never be enough. For the Beloved Son of God, it's already becoming too much.



The lesson unfolds like this. We are not our own. We belong to, and are sustained breath by breath, by the source of all life. The Spirit fills us to overflowing and we overflow with gratitude. Our cup overflows to others. The growth happens when what we have is given away. In the physical world, what is given away leaves us diminished. In the world of the Spirit, the law of abundance sees giving away as expansion leading to sacred fullness.

The people see the sign but they cannot follow it to its source. The giver of the sign withdraws into His true identity - more than a king, more than a prophet - a mountain dweller who holds the conversation with God.

So what about us? In our own lives, as it says on the gravestone, 'it's always something!' Taxes and prices rise as wages are reduced. We get a new job but it means uprooting ourselves and starting over somewhere new. Our son calls us at four in the morning from the police station. Our daughter is keeping the wrong company. The surgery calls to say they want to redo the blood test. Someone we love dies. It's always something! When we face these challenges we reach for the resources we will need. Usually this means asking for support from family, friends, community and fellow sufferers. At a push, we might even go the whole nine yards and ask God for help! In a world of problem solving, what we might really need to do is restore a foundational disconnect. Once we arrive back home in the centre of our soul, we might engage with the next 'problem' with more understanding. Physical resources will always be limited, but when we drink from the well of the Spirit, it never runs dry.

This teaching of Jesus is hugely important for all disciples. Our soul is restored by exercise. With each act of generosity, the souls influence multiplies. Since this is our true identity, we are satisfied. We have no need to worry about scarcity. There is no scarcity of the Spirit. How grateful should we be to those first disciples who gathered up the abundant fragments. Otherwise, we might forget how to live with the One who restores our Soul.

## TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

|          |                  |                |      |                      |
|----------|------------------|----------------|------|----------------------|
| Saturday | 28 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm         | Mass | Bernadette Hunt      |
| Sunday   | 29 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass | Marie Fielding       |
|          |                  | 10.30am        | Mass | Helen Considine, RIP |
| Monday   | 30 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                      |

### ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, Founder

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|---------|------------------|--------|------|--------------|
| Tuesday | 31 <sup>st</sup> | 9.30am | Mass | Nuala Eacott |
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### ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, Founder, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

|           |                 |         |            |                           |
|-----------|-----------------|---------|------------|---------------------------|
| Wednesday | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 9.30am  | Mass       | Tom Stafford, RIP         |
| Thursday  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 9.30am  | Mass       | Bruna Rosita D'Souza, RIP |
| Friday    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 11.00am | Exposition |                           |
|           |                 | 12.10pm | Mass       | Paul Baker, RIP           |

### ST JOHN VIANNEY, Priest

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|----------|-----------------|---------|------|----------|
| Saturday | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am | Mass | Pro-Life |
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### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

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|----------|-----------------|---------|------|---------------------------|
| Saturday | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Bruna Rosita D'Souza, RIP |
| Sunday   | 5 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Parish Intentions         |
|          |                 | 10.30am | Mass | Bridget Fitzgerald, RIP   |

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Tuesday to Thursday: 9.10am Morning Prayer;

Thursday: After Mass Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help, 10.15 am Mother's Prayers

Saturday: 9.30am Rosary, 1st 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

Monday – Friday 9.30am-2.30pm

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PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW, BRACKNELL

DID YOU KNOW...?



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – MIDDAY ON TUESDAYS, please email any items to stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



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.



MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING – On the last **Friday** of the month, Anointing of the Sick will be part of the 12.10pm Mass All are welcome, especially those sick or suffering in any way. If you would like a lift to this Mass, please contact the parish office.

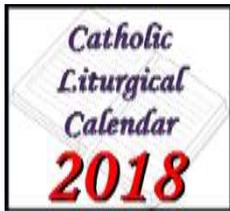


SIGNING OF FORMS – If you have a form that needs the certification and signature of a Parish Priest, ie, school forms, etc., please place your form in an envelope marked “Parish Office, Form for Signature” with a note of your phone number and post through the letterbox of the Presbytery Door. We will call you for collection when the form is ready. You do not need to have an appointment with Fr Danny.

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.



BOOKING PARISH HALL AND PARISH ROOMS – If you wish to use the church hall or parish rooms bookings must be made with the Parish Office at least 6-8 weeks before requested date. Please note the regular events below before booking.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR – JULY: 31st St. Ignatius of Loyola.

AUGUST: 1st St Alphonsus Liguori; 3rd St Ethelwold; 4th St John Vianney; 6th The Transfiguration of the Lord; 8th St Dominic; 9th St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross; 10th St Laurence; 11th St Clare; 14th St Maximilian Maria Kolbe; **15th The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**; 20th St Bernard; 21st St Pius X; 22nd The Queenship of Mary; 24th St Bartholomew; 27th St Monica; 28th St Augustine of Hippo; 29th The Passion of St John the Baptist; 30th Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward.

CHURCH SHOP OPENING ON SATURDAY EVENINGS - The shop will be open from 5:30pm-7pm on the second Saturday of each month starting **Saturday 11 August 2018**.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – Closed until early September.

TODDLER GROUP – Closed until new school term in September.

KEEP FIT – Closed until new school term in September.

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

CHOIR PRACTICE – Every Thursday, 7.30pm-8.30pm, in the Church, all welcome.

ALPHA – Every Thursday in the Hall, 7.30pm – 9.00pm from Thursday 7 June 2018 to Thursday 27 September 2018. **No Alpha during August.**

SOUP & ROLL – Closed until Friday 14 September.

FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY - Every 3rd Saturday 2pm in the Hall.

MASS OFFERINGS: £1705.83.



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.**

We pray for those in our parish community who are sick, housebound or in hospital and for those who care for them.

Eileen Ing, 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, Barbara Simpson, Bridie Maughan, Angelina Ediale, Josephine Timms, Una Gilligan, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Patricia Holmwood, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Blanche Shap, Mike Garnham, Ethna Sweeney, Mary Carpenter, 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

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



WE WELCOME INTO OUR COMMUNITY: Philip Achu Fru Ndi and his family that they will be surrounded by God's love.



PARISH PICNICQUE – A big **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who helped with the setting up and clearing up at the parish picnicque last Sunday. Special thanks to the kings of the barbeque who slaved away in 29° heat and to the ladies in the kitchen. Thank you to all who brought food and, in particular, Rohan from Pepe's Piri Piri who provided the burgers, chicken and buns. Thanks also to John and June for keeping us entertained. Finally, a big thank you to everyone who came and made this such a great community event and for your generous donations.



CAR PARK NEW WINDOW STICKERS – The new purple window stickers are available from the parish office, please call in during office open times to collect your sticker, the pink stickers are now invalid. The 2018/2019 car park subscription forms are available in the porch for renewals and new subscriptions. Subscribers who have not renewed are no longer on the system. If you have a Disability Blue Badge the car park is free but a new subscription form must be completed and returned to the parish office in order to continue or start your membership. In accordance with new GDPR guidelines all 2017 subscription forms will be shredded.



Illegal Money Lending Team England

'THE ILLEGAL MONEY LENDING TEAM' will be in the Princess Square piazza area, just below the church entrance, on **Thursday 2 August 2018** from 12 noon to 3pm. The team are aiming to raise awareness of the risks of loan sharks and illegal money Lending in the Bracknell area and will be promoting the benefits of joining the Berkshire Credit Union. Please come along and find out more. Sid the Loan Shark and Glenda the Lender will be there in costume too!



FANNING THE FLAME CATHOLIC MISSION - The Summer camp is for 10-25 year olds and runs from 20th - 24th August. Bookings close on 12th August, so there's not long left to book your place. A week of faith, fun and fellowship in the beautiful New Forest, to learn about our incredible Catholic faith, come together in friendship and have a lot of (silly) fun! The 5 days of camping include celebrating Mass and praying together, engaging talks, stream time, workshops (of all sorts) horse riding, football, good showers and great meals, and plenty of time to make friends and ask questions about your faith, discover God's incredible love for you, and then leave renewed by his Holy Spirit to live a life of grace! For more information and booking forms visit the Fanning the Flame [website](http://www.ftfcm1995@gmail.com) or e-mail: ftfcm1995@gmail.com Please see the poster on the porch noticeboard.



CONFIRMATION JOURNEY - In Baptism, we are all given to God. In Confirmation we begin His work. Are you ready? If you are in Year 9 or above and are interested in joining the Confirmation Journey, please complete your application by **Wednesday 22 August 2018** via the website www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/confirmation2019.html There will then be an Introduction to the Confirmation Journey for candidates on **Wednesday 29 August 2018** at 7.30pm in the parish hall.



TEA & COFFEE TEAM - Volunteers are needed for Saturday evening Fairtrade teas and coffees after 6.00pm Mass. Monthly volunteer rota. If we had one or two more volunteers the rota would be every 5 or 6 weeks. It's a great opportunity to get to know others in the parish. If you are interested, please have a chat to one of the volunteers in the hall after Mass to find out more or contact the parish office.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019 - If you and your child feel ready to begin the journey towards First Holy Communion, please register your interest online via at bracknellcatholicchurch.org/fhc2019 by **Friday 14 September 2018**. The first meeting for parents will take place on **Wednesday 19 September 2018**.

PRO-LIFE GROUP – Please join the informal parish Pro-life Group, no meetings or subscription. Please complete the Pro-life Cards which are in the porch and return to the parish office or join by emailing your details to the Parish Office.

SOUTH BERKSHIRE PASTORAL AREA



Co-ordinating Pastor: **Fr Danny McAvooy**, St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church, Bracknell, 01344 425729;
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Fr Marcus Brisley Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst & Holy Ghost, Crowthorne, 01252 876820;
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