

**THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE**  
**THE YEAR OF THE RELENTLESS WIDOW**  
**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**

**SPIRITUAL ILLUMINATION OR MINDLESS REPETITION**

**28 July 2019 – Order of Mass Page 7 - Mass Book Page 114 - Psalter Week 1**

**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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The Beloved Son of God is not tied to the prescribed prayer times of the Temple. He lives instead a rhythm of contemplation and action - swimming in the waters of God and the waters of the world. His disciples have been watching Him at prayer and they want whatever He is having! Perhaps, if they can connect with God like He does, they will have less difficulty with His unpredictable attitudes and behaviours. "Lord, teach us to pray," they say.

His words lack any solemnity. He speaks to God with the intimacy of a friend. The Jaw dropping use of the word 'Abba' a clue about what is to come. His disciples unite heart and soul in reverence for their Abba and unite in the only activity worth doing, working for the coming of Gods Kingdom. The prayer of Jesus transforms the One who prays it into a unity of being and doing. Now, as they walk the earth they are an open invitation into the heart of God. Those who are still alienated from the Love which is their life see the truth and the beauty of what is before them. The disciples sow seeds which are destined to become a tree which attracts all the birds in the air.

And if it should be the case that those who are alienated from God reject their offer and attack the ones who offer it, they will not respond with violence or threats. Only love must be returned should trials come.



Now that they have the words and the illumination they're bring, Jesus moves to stage two. The first Parable is outstanding, because it suggests first that God is also praying to us to act with justice. God arrives at the door of His 'friends' to tell them of hungry travellers who need rest and nourishment. If their friendship with God does not move them to act with justice, God will just keep on asking till they do it if only to get some peace! The second Parable follows the same theme and celebrates that fact that people in bed and evil parents will overcome the obstacles to compassionate living and give what is needed.

Now back to Abba - the one who gives with no obstacles. He is overflowing with the desire to give the Holy Spirit to anyone who asks, seeks and knocks. For Jesus, prayer is the art of opening ourselves to the gift that is already there. Praying the prayer of Jesus as illumination is learning what to ask for and how to receive it. The Holy Spirit floods the hearts of all who ask and creates a bond that jump starts the adventure of being a disciple of Jesus.

The tragedy would be if the prayer which is His gift to us is repeated mindlessly. If it is memorised and repeated in a way that never expresses the thoughts of our minds or the feelings of our heart we have lost it and we need to apprentice ourselves anew to the divine Teacher.

One of Leo Tolstoy's mystical short stories explores this theme. A bishop on a ship is told that there are three hermits living on the island they are passing. The bishop insists on going to meet them and he asks them how they pray. They tell the bishop that their whole life is a prayer. The words they use, "We are three. You are three. Have mercy on us." The bishop teaches them the Lord's Prayer and tells them to use that instead. A few years later the bishop is back in the area and as he is considering a second visit, a ball of light comes out of the island and moves towards the ship. As the ball of light gets closer, the bishop sees the three hermits are within. They are telling him that they have forgotten some of the Lord's Prayer and they need more instruction. But the bishop is jolted by a new awareness and awakened to the true holiness of the hermits. A holiness that has come without the repetition of words. He answers, "Go home, and when you pray, say, "You are three. We are three. Have mercy on us".

This is not an argument for ditching the learning of prayers but for making them our own. Perhaps, since we use Matthews version of the Lord's Prayer in the liturgy, we could try using Luke's version in our personal prayer to keep it where Jesus wants it to be. It's potent coupling of phrases prepares the heart for self-giving, generative justice and love. It is the Love which God pours without reserve into the empty hearts of all who ask. This is a cup which is destined, as Psalm 23 celebrates, to overflow.

# 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)



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

**THE SHOP WILL BE CLOSED FROM SUNDAY 28 JULY TO SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER INCLUSIVE, RE-OPENING SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER**



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR – JULY:** 29<sup>th</sup> St James; 26<sup>th</sup> Ss Joachim & Anne; 29<sup>th</sup> St Martha; 31<sup>st</sup> St Ignatius of Loyola.  
**AUGUST:** 1<sup>st</sup> St Alphonsus Liguori; 6<sup>th</sup> The Transfiguration of the Lord; 8<sup>th</sup> St Dominic; 9<sup>th</sup> St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross; 10<sup>th</sup> St Laurence; 14<sup>th</sup> St Maximilian Maria Kolbe; **15<sup>th</sup> The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION);** 20<sup>th</sup> St Bernard; 21<sup>st</sup> St Pius X; 22<sup>nd</sup> The Queenship of Mary; 24<sup>th</sup> St Bartholomew; 27<sup>th</sup> St Monica; 28<sup>th</sup> St Augustine of Hippo; 29<sup>th</sup> The Passion of St John the Baptist; 30<sup>th</sup> Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward

**MASS OFFERINGS: £1808.44**



**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.

**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** – Closed until Tuesday 10 September.

**KEEP FIT** – Closed until Tuesday 10 September.

**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

**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 at 12.10pm Mass, refreshments after Mass in the hall.  
**Car park reserved for persons with limited mobility. Cancelled for "Requiem Mass" and "No Mass"**

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

**OFS** – Saturday 21 September 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 **AND 1.30pm – 3.30pm Walk-In Café, Gt Hollands Square.**

**Fridays 10am – 12pm:** St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, RG12 1BE

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## 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, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, 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, Dorcas Innes-Grant, Veronika Jastrzebski, Doreen Gladwin, Manuela Maria Barros, Jerry Tobin, Rico Morales, Reynalita Leysan, Marie Hughes, Jenny Bashford, Phyllis D'Souza, Marie Fielding, Donal Hanley, Jacqui Rawstron, Jim and Francis McEvoy, Mary Murray, Thelma Briggs, Margaret Pearce, Bessie Smith, Brenda Hook, Simon Brennan, Audrey Lam, Pam Savage.

# LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

**TESS JOHNSON, RIP** whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated by Fr Kevin Bidgood at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Friday 9 August 2019** at **12.00noon**, followed by a Service at 2.00pm at Easthampstead Park Cemetery. Please pray for Tess and all her family.

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



**NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL** : Can you help us save the planet and save money? We can send to you every Friday the parish weekly newsletter by email, you can then review it anytime you wish. Just send your email address to the parish office [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) by Wednesday any week and we will add your email address to the newsletter confidential group email list. We can then reduce the number of newsletters we print every week, saving money on paper and toner and reduce the quantity we recycle. We will produce a nominal quantity of newsletters placed in the porch for parishioners who do not have an email address, new parishioners and guests to our parish.



**SCHOOL ADMISSION FORMS FOR SIGNING** – For all school admission forms that need to be signed by Fr Danny, please bring your form(s) into the Sacristy after the Mass you attend at the weekend or weekday as you must be present in front of Fr Danny for the form to be signed. Please complete your form(s) with HONESTY. Forms posted through the letterbox or just left in the Sacristy will not be signed until you are present in front of Fr Danny.



**PARISH BBQ – A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make the Parish Barbecue such a huge success. Special thanks to all the volunteers who cooked the barbecue, cooked in the kitchen and tended the bar. Our thanks to all who helped setting up and the clearing away which was done speedily and without anyone having to be asked. It was good to see the garden, hall and kitchen being promptly returned to a pristine state.



**IGNITE! ABLAZE! - Summer Break!** - The youth groups are now on their summer break. We will be back in September so watch this space for updates and details of future events!

Thank you to all our youth leaders & volunteers for their time and commitment to our young people. We are very blessed to have such a great team. Come and join us... Youth Ministry is challenging, interesting, incredibly rewarding and **FUN**, so why not get involved? Please contact: [youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org) for further details. We look forward to welcoming you.

**BIBLE JOURNALING** - I am starting in **mid September** a regular **Bible Journaling** class at my home during the day. I am interested in **5 other people** joining me on this wonderful prayerful journey. **Bible Journaling** is all about quietly colouring in pages of the bible ( very calming & therapeutic ) reflection on scripture with the group, observations, application and prayer, and moving towards meditation also. Approx. 1 hour per week. For more information contact **Jan on 07866 198581**



## DAYS OF REFLECTION

Our annual days of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word at Douai Abbey will take place **Saturday 21st, Sunday 22nd September** and **Saturday 5th October 2019**. Each day will be from 9:45am to

4pm and more details will follow after you register, closer to the time. Please register online via the Parish website, or notify the Parish office. Time will fly by, so get your preferred day booked as soon as possible as spaces are limited!



**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:**  
**THURSDAY 15 AUGUST**  
**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION : MASSES AT 1200 noon**  
**and 7.30pm**



**CAFOD HARVEST BRIEFING** - Our parish is hosting a Harvest briefing for CAFOD on **Wednesday 4 September 2019** from 7:15pm to 9pm in the church hall. At this meeting Nikki Evans the Programme Officer for Bolivia will speak about CAFOD's work in Bolivia and give an update on the Hands on Altiplano project from 2016. There will be representatives from other local parishes at this meeting and it would be lovely to see lots of St. Joseph's parishioners there.

To book your place email Jo Lewry [jlewry@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jlewry@cafod.org.uk) or by ringing 01252 329385

# TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

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|----------|------------------|----------------|------|---------------------------------|
| Saturday | 27 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm         | Mass | Simone Tamboo d'Unienville, RIP |
| Sunday   | 28 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass | Caroline D'Souza, RIP           |
|          |                  | 10.30am        | Mass | Joseph Carabuena, RIP           |
| Monday   | 29 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                                 |
| Tuesday  | 30 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                                 |

## ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, Founder

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| Wednesday | 31 <sup>st</sup> | 9.30am | Mass | Nivin Family Intentions |
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## ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, Founder, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

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|----------|-----------------|---------|------|---------------------------|
| Thursday | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 9.30am  | Mass | Maria and Neville Nesbitt |
| Friday   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 11.00am | Mass |                           |
|          |                 | 12.10pm | Mass | Bruna D'Souza, RIP        |
| Saturday | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 10.00am | Mass | Pro-Life                  |

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

|          |                 |         |      |                    |
|----------|-----------------|---------|------|--------------------|
| Saturday | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Private Intention  |
| Sunday   | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Bruna D'Souza, RIP |
|          |                 | 10.30am | Mass | Robinson Family    |

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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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**Deacon: Rev Aidan Lynch**

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