

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

HEALING

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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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Dear Friends, especially those of you who are unwell,

In the Gospels, Jesus went through towns and villages curing diseases and sickness, teaching in the synagogues and proclaiming the Good News. The miracles Jesus worked revealed Who He was as God the Son, the Messiah, our Saviour, and the salvation He won for us by His Death and Resurrection. The Heart of Jesus abounds in mercy and the Church today continues His saving work through the sacraments and prayer, through teaching the Truth, and through the pastoral care of the sick and afflicted. With this in mind, I want to discuss healing, and to announce some new Norms on Healing Ministry.

Sickness, suffering and death are consequences of Original Sin, which is why those who are unwell turn instinctively to God for healing. They look to heaven for help and find it in Jesus and His preferential love for the sick. The Letter of St. James states that if anyone is ill, they should “send for the priests of the Church. Let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil, and the prayer of faith will save the sick persons and the Lord will raise them up, and if they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them.” In other words, those in need of spiritual, psychological, mental, emotional and physical healing can turn to Jesus. They can do this in Mass and Holy Communion, in the healing sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing, in Adoration and Benediction, in the Rosary, in pilgrimages, devotions and the invocation of the saints, in prayers and blessings. Jesus told His disciples to heal the sick, which is why care of the sick, and the service of hospitals, hospices and care homes, is central to the ministry of every parish. In return, those unwell, strengthened by uniting their sufferings with the Lord, can share in His saving work, obtaining many graces and blessings for others. Thus the work of the Church compliments, sanctifies and enhances the work of doctors, nurses, psychologists and carers.

Let me now differentiate three overlapping ministries of healing. First, there is healing ministry proper, as just described. Secondly, and more rarely, there is deliverance ministry, that is, special prayer to remove obstacles, bondages, memories, entanglements and addictions of a spiritual origin that hold a person back, impair their well-being and prevent their restoration to spiritual and bodily health. And thirdly, very rarely, exorcism, that is, ritual prayer, performed by a priest-exorcist expressly appointed by the Bishop, to cast out Satan and the powers of darkness, which in some manner have taken possession of a person’s soul and faculties.

In recent years, a beautiful development in the life of the Church has been the growth of healing ministry in its many forms, such as prayer-groups that pray for healing or offer the laying on of hands. Some parishes organise healing Masses and special liturgies, with confessions, the Sacrament of the Sick and Benediction. Again, days of renewal with healing and deliverance ministry are scheduled here and there. In a parish, the chief responsibility for pastoral care lies with the parish priest. But the Holy Spirit also bestows charismatic gifts of healing, deliverance and discernment of spirits upon individual members of the Church to prosper its life and mission. The Church takes care to discern these charisms, to order their use and to form those called and gifted to use them with prudence and circumspection. No one may practice a ministry of healing, even less the ministry of deliverance, without appropriate permission and without appropriate formation. Such ministries, caring for the vulnerable, are to be exercised in accordance with the Church’s teaching and discipline.

To explain this in greater detail, I have issued for the Diocese some Norms on Healing Ministry and established a Healing Advisory Group as a point of reference. You can read more about this in Enews and on our diocesan website. The Norms are practical; for example, they remind us that in individual prayer for healing, national safeguarding policy requires that, in addition to the minister and the individual, at least one other person should be present. Sometimes the need for healing, say, the healing of memories, becomes evident in those seeking to join the Church or again, in those growing in faith through spiritual direction. This places a unique responsibility on ministers of welcome, on catechists in the RCIA process and on spiritual directors.

One of the best-loved sayings of the Lord is: “Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.” God wants to give in abundance the gift of His healing love and so we rightly turn to Him in our need. The Anointing of the Sick is a powerful sacrament and in my own ministry I have often witnessed its miraculous help. If you or a loved one is frail, seriously ill or due to go into hospital, make sure you let the priest know, so that he can minister this sacrament to them. Pray constantly for the sick and also for the generous medical staff, relatives and friends who care for them, confident that, as St. Thomas Aquinas says, there are some things God will give us only if we ask Him for them. Why not join us for the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer? Make sure you have a Communion set in your home with cloth, crucifix and candles. And try to keep Sunday special as a day of humble service of the sick, the infirm and the elderly. Indeed, turn often to Mary Immaculate, Health of the Sick, to our Patron St. Edmund, and to Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, who spent many evenings and weekends visiting the sick, that they may inspire us. May they help us in joy to share our Christian faith with everyone around especially the neediest, Bringing People Closer to Jesus Christ through His Church. In Corde Iesu + Philip Bishop of Portsmouth

# DID YOU KNOW...?



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Midday on Tuesdays**, please email any items 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 : JOSEPH MARIO FAVA, RIP** whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Thursday 7 March 2019** at 11.45am, followed by a Service at 1.45pm at Easthampstead Park Cemetery. Please pray for Joseph and all his family.

**May his 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. 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.



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR – MARCH:** 1<sup>st</sup> St David; 6<sup>th</sup> ASH WEDNESDAY; 19<sup>th</sup> St Joseph; 25<sup>th</sup> The Annunciation of the Lord.

**THANK  
YOU**  
SO VERY MUCH

**MASS OFFERINGS: £2120.75 RACIAL JUSTICE: £175.44**

**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.

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

**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,

**OFS** - Next meeting **Saturday 16 March 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 website <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.

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



**PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOP – HEALING** - Appointed to be read in all churches and chapels of the Diocese of Portsmouth on **Sunday 24 February 2019**, the Seventh Sunday of the Year. Limited number of copies in the porch.

**MINISTRY OF WELCOME** - A warm and friendly welcome to everyone as they enter our church is at the very heart of our mission to foster belonging and community. If you would like to join our great team of Welcomers at the 8:30am and 10.30am Sunday Masses, please speak to Mary McNab or email [bracknellpa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bracknellpa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**FLOWER ARRANGING CLASSES** with a fully qualified tutor will be starting in the Church Hall on Monday evenings commencing **Monday 25 February** for 8 weeks. Suitable for beginners and those with experience. Please see the notice board in the Narthex for full details.



**CREDIT UNION ARRIVES IN BRACKNELL** - If you would like to find out more about what the credit union can offer, please visit the contact point opening in the porch shop at 10am every Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Details of opening times are on the flyers in the porch and in the parish newsletter. Please help to distribute

as many flyers as you can to spread the word about the help and support available to anyone who wants to better manage their finances. **Please note: The Credit Union Teams will be using the Church Shop room for Credit Union meetings only, no shop purchases can be made during these times.**



**JOURNEY IN FAITH** - Thursday evenings from 7.30 – 9 pm in the hall. This is a group for people wanting to deepen their understanding of our faith. We will study and reflect upon the following Sunday's readings and explore aspects of the Catholic faith. Everyone is welcome, especially those who are considering joining the Church. No commitment - just come along to see if this is something that could support you on your faith journey. For more information contact [bracknellpa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bracknellpa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**IGNITE! (age 10-12)**- Next meeting – **Friday 1 March 2019**, 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the hall

**ABLAZE! (age +13)** – Next meeting – **Friday 8 March 2019**, 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the hall.

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](mailto:youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)



**LENT FAST DAY MEETINGS** - CAFOD Lent family fast day is 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, there will be a soup and roll lunch 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

**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.



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



**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES** – **Wednesday 6 March 2019**, the times of Masses are **12.00 noon and 7.30pm**



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – Every Friday in Lent (not Good Friday) at **11.00am**, with various leaders. Exposition **11.30am, Mass 12.10pm.**



**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. We have a “mobility impaired” accessible coach (better than the bus) for able-bodied and mobility impaired parishioners who wish to attend this Mass. There are 2 places for wheelchair parishioners on a first come first served basis. Please be at the church by **7.30am** as the coach will depart from St Joseph's Church at **8.00am**,

returning approx **4.00pm**, please contact the parish office to be included on the coach list. **The coach is expensive this year, we would really appreciate a donation towards the cost of the coach.** Please note, no 9.30 Mass that day.

## **TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS**

### **SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C**

|           |                  |                |      |                                  |
|-----------|------------------|----------------|------|----------------------------------|
| Saturday  | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 6.00pm         | Mass | Parish Intentions                |
| Sunday    | 24 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass | Carmen and Ben Robin-D’Cruz      |
|           |                  | 10.30am        | Mass | Gerard Henry, RIP                |
| Monday    | 25 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                                  |
| Tuesday   | 26 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                                  |
| Wednesday | 27 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass | Kenneth Knight, RIP (Foundation) |
| Thursday  | 28 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass | Maura Holt                       |

### **ST DAVID, Religious, Bishop, Feast**

|          |                 |         |            |                   |
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| Friday   | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 11.00am | Exposition |                   |
|          |                 | 12.10pm | Mass       | Catherine Riordan |
| Saturday | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 10.00am | Mass       | Pro-Life          |

### **EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C**

|          |                 |         |      |                               |
|----------|-----------------|---------|------|-------------------------------|
| Saturday | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Deceased of O’Sullivan Family |
| Sunday   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Joseph Lewis, RIP             |
|          |                 | 10.30am | Mass | Ernie Johnson, RIP            |

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

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