

THE YEAR OF SAINT MARK
EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

BUILDING COMMUNITY IN AN AGE OF HOLOCAUST

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When we sit with the Gospel of Saint John, we know we are in the company of a mystic - a spiritual master. The role of the spiritual master is to help us to see that what we always believed in the most childlike innocence of our hearts to be true, is true. John's Gospel dances to the music of the presence and the words of Jesus. Words that are music in the ears of the rejected. A presence that is a silver setting in the heart of a slum. There are no straight lines in this dance. The music spirals. His words tumble over each other, retreat, then forge ahead, so that we can savour what was only tasted before. His Gospel is a river in spate with many tributaries. As each flow and feeling moves away, it mysteriously returns. Everything in One.

John's Gospel is a feast. It has all the flavour of a first kiss, of the times when we were sure that we could touch the sky if we stood on our toes and stretched. When Jesus looks up to heaven and prays, He is simply enjoying heaven from His place on Earth. He sees, hears, smells, touches and tastes the earth as creation sustained and transfigured by its source and its destiny. He calls the One who does all this, 'Abba, Father'. He stands within God's creative love. He stretches out His hand to the supplier of seed. This seed must be received so that it can be nurtured and grow. The Father is on the lookout for fertile ground. He sends Jesus to lure those he finds at prayer and calls them to engage in the tumultuous affairs of the Earth.



But there's more. The Fathers' heart is revealed as love without regret. His Beloved Son whispers this love into the ears of those whom the Father has sent to Him. This new community has not happened by chance. Those who come to Jesus have already felt this love. All that has happened is that when the words pour forth from the mouth of Jesus, they are received as a love letter confirming all that they had already known. They know who has sent Jesus. They welcome Him and join Him in bringing Love to birth on the earth.

But will the glue that holds them together vanish when Jesus returns to His Abba? If they lose Him, will they lose it all? Without His light, will the darkness overtake them? The lure of violence, aggression and separation is strong. So Jesus teaches his disciples to exercise vigilance in their struggle for community. None have even been lost, except the one whose character was to be lost. But even this tragedy fits into the larger plans of the Fathers' heart, plans that can only be discerned by a deeper understanding of the Sacred Texts of Scripture.

The disciples of Jesus are to become the Body of Christ in the world where the body of Jesus is no longer visible. When they are faithful, Jesus' joy floods their lives and remains full for those who continue the Father's mission to the world. This prayer of Jesus might be misread as a passionate plea for His disciples to be creative and to bring life giving love in a world that prefers darkness and death. Perhaps it is time that we answered His prayer for community with a more convincing AMEN! But consider this. Jesus always knew that his Father answered Him because He spoke Sacred words from God's Heart, and not human words in Gods ear. The prayer of Jesus is not just plea. It is revelation!

Perhaps the intensity of this prayer for us, His disciples, was because he was less certain about us. But we have nothing to lose in this work of building community in an age of Holocaust. To be more creative, more compassionate and more courageous is the only way to go!

## TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

|           |                  |                |                   |                                          |
|-----------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Saturday  | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm         | Mass              | Robert Buchanan, RIP                     |
| Sunday    | 13 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass              | Parish Intentions                        |
|           |                  | 10.30am        | Mass              | First Holy Communion Children & Families |
|           |                  | 1.00pm         |                   | First Holy Communion                     |
| Monday    | 14 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |                   |                                          |
| Tuesday   | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass              | Anne Zinn, RIP                           |
| Wednesday | 16 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass              | Dolores Branagan, RIP                    |
| Thursday  | 17 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass              | Starving People of Yemen                 |
| Friday    | 18 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am        | Exposition        |                                          |
|           |                  | 12.10pm        | Communion Service |                                          |

### DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN, PORTSMOUTH

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| Saturday | 19 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am | Mass | Trevor Hamill |
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### PENTECOST SUNDAY – YEAR B

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| Saturday | 19 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Molly and Christie Campbell, RIP      |
| Sunday   | 20 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Mary Considine, RIP & Deceased Family |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass | Una Mair, RIP                         |
|          |                  | 3.00pm  |      | Service of Healing                    |

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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.

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Monday – Friday 9.30am-2.30pm

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PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW CHURCH



SOUTH BERKSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

Co-ordinating Pastor: Fr Danny McAvoy, St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church, Bracknell, 01344 425729;
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DID YOU KNOW...?



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – NEW DEADLINE: Midday on Tuesdays, please email your newsletter item(s) to the parish office stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF: TIM ROBERTS, RIP whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Tuesday 22 May 2018 at 11.00am**, this will be a Tridentine Rite in Latin, booklets will be provided, followed by a burial at Easthampstead Park Cemetery at 1.00pm. Please pray for Tim's beloved wife and family: **Dominica, Charlie, Benedicta, Albertine, Felicity and family.**

(We respectfully request that the church car park is used only for the mourners attending Tim's Requiem Mass)



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF: BRIDGET EMMA FLAVELL, RIP (known as Emma) whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Wednesday 23 May 2018** at 12.30pm, followed by a burial at Slough Cemetery at 2.45pm. Please pray for Emma and her family.

(We respectfully request that the church car park is used only for the mourners attending Emma's Requiem Mass)



IMPORTANT GUIDANCE FOR PARISHIONERS AND MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - The Pastoral Care of the housebound, those who are unwell, those needing the extra support offered by care homes and those coming to the end of their lives, is one of the jewels in the crown of our parish life.

We thank Maura and her dedicated team for all they are doing to support and bless our sisters and brothers who are unwell. We are also very blessed to have full time Catholic Priests and other chaplains who minister at our hospitals: Wexham Park, Frimley Park, Heatherwood and the Royal Berkshire.

The rules have changed! This means that if you, or a member of your family, are admitted to any of these hospitals, it is **your** responsibility to ensure that the Priest/Chaplain is aware of your presence and of your desire to receive the Sacraments. Your own parish family will also want to be praying for you at these times, so consider letting us know what is happening well in advance if possible. This will help us to give you better support and it will help you to avoid the stress that can unfold when things are left to the last minute.

Eucharistic ministers can also easily pass on the news of any changes in a person's circumstances, please call 01344 425729 which is the telephone number for the Parish Office/Presbytery (priest's house).



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.

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.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR - MAY – 14th St Matthias; 17th St Dunstan; 18th St John I; 19th Dedication of the Cathedral of St John, Portsmouth; 20th Pentecost Sunday; 21st St Christopher Magallanes & Companions; 22nd St Rita of Cascia; 25th St Bede the Venerable; 26th St Philip Meri; 27th The Most Holy Trinity; 31st The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – Every 2nd and 4th Mondays 7.45pm to 9.30pm in the Church Hall. All are welcome.

TODDLER GROUP – Every Tuesday 9.30am to 11.30am in the hall during term time. **No Toddler Group on Tuesday 22 May 2018**

KEEP FIT – Every Tuesday 2.00pm – 3.00pm in the hall.
No Keep Fit on Tuesday 22 May 2018

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

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

SOUP & ROLL – Every Friday after Mass during term time in the hall.

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



MASS OFFERINGS: £2,293.27. 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.**

SECOND OFFERINGS - MAY: 12/13 World Communications Day – Prayer Cards 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, Jadwiga Butcher, Lilijan Rodenburg, Robert Mulcahy, Eddie Moore, Peggy Pendergast, Ann Newton, Bridie Maughan, Angelina Ediale, Josephine Timms, Una Gilligan, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Patricia Holmwood, Fr Vincent Convery, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Blanche Shap, Mike Garnham, Ethna Sweeney, Mary Carpenter, Mary King, Anna Tighe, Mary Phelan, Mary Sol Faulkner, Tony Andrews, Derek Alexander, Brenda Lynch, Margaret Clark, Shaun Howard, Denise Rinzivillo, Sally Tarode, Babs White, Tess Johnson, Dorcas Innes-Grant, Veronika Jastrzebski.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



MAPIS CIC – Are a specialist training provider for disadvantaged and unemployed men into sustained employment. MAPIS needs volunteers to help their clients make a positive impact socially, especially if you are retired and want to share your experience in a meaningful way. Skills can be admin, IT, graphic design, retail, finance, etc. Please visit our website www.mapis.org.uk or call 01344 302007.



PASTORAL CARE – There will be Pastoral Care meeting on **Wednesday 16 May 2018**, 7.30pm - 8.30pm in the hall. Please come along if you feel drawn to walk alongside those in our midst who are sick, housebound, lonely, frail or in need and to look at ways to offer love and support?



SERVICE OF HEALING – In the Church on **Sunday 20 May 2018** at 3.00pm, followed by afternoon tea. Everyone is welcome. If you or someone you know would like a lift or if you are able to offer someone a lift, please contact the parish office 01344 425729 or email: stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



PULSE CATHOLIC FAMILY RETREATS – TWO DAYS TO MEET THE LORD - PULSE is a charity which has been organising Catholic retreats for families run by families since 2014. The proposal is two days retreat, for all the family! While parents live their retreat about deepening of the prayer, through teachings and practice, their children are taken care of by volunteers and other parents (all DBS checked) who supervise the entire retreat. A bespoke school of prayer for children has been developed as well, where they get closer to Jesus, through various activities adapted to each age. For more information and registration, please view the website: www.pulse-retreats.com/adults

When: 18 to 20 May 2018 Where: Ascot Priory SL5 8RT
Led by: Father Matt Blake, Carmelite



MASS OF HEALING – Commencing at the 12.10pm Mass on **Friday 25 May 2018** and on the last Friday of every month, the Sacrament of Anointing will be part of the 12.10pm Mass. All are welcome, especially those who are sick or suffering in any way. If you would like a lift to this Mass, please contact the parish office..



PARISH QUIZ NIGHT – Back by popular demand on **Saturday 9 June 2018** - how good is your trivia? £1 entry per person, great prizes. Licenced bar from 7:00pm. Quizzing starts at 7:30pm. Free buffet. A great, fun evening and a chance to make new friends.



DIOCESAN DAY FOR READERS – SATURDAY 16 JUNE 2018 - 9.30am to 3.00 pm, starting with Mass. This is for everyone involved in reading at Mass, an opportunity to meet, share, be formed, and pray together. Lunch and refreshments provided St Bede's Catholic Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG24 9DX. For more details, and to register: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/readers. Please see the poster on the porch noticeboard.



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE AS A DEACON IN HIS CHURCH? - Oscott Seminary have introduced a preparatory year for men discerning a call to the Permanent Diaconate. This Propaedeutic year consists of three sessions (Friday-Saturday) commencing on **9th/10th November 2018**. The other dates for the coming academic year are **25th/26th January 2019** and **8th/9th March 2019**.

Its aim is to help candidates better understand the reality of a vocation to Holy Orders and to discern whether this is what God is calling them to. There will be Parish based pastoral elements, spiritual formation and intellectual input given through teaching, seminars and discussions.

Wives of prospective candidates will be supported during these days and are encouraged to attend. Attendance at these days does not commit an individual to beginning the formation program but is part of the overall selection process. **For further information email Fr Peter Hart pghart@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk**



SIGNIFICANT WEDDING MASS - Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? Bishop Philip has invited you to a celebration Mass at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on **Saturday 30 June 2018**. A wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please visit the Cathedral website and complete the on-line form, <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries> Or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – Bishop Philip invites our young people to join him and 20 students and FOCUS missionaries from the USA on a pilgrimage retreat to Lourdes from **12 to 16 July 2018**. Costs £550; full-board and flights from Southampton. For more information please contact Father P J Smith at youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



ABLAZE IN THE TRUTH : FANNING THE FLAME SUMMER CAMP 2018 - From **20th - 24th August 2018**, the Fanning the Flame Catholic Mission will be running the Summer camp for 10-25 year olds in the New Forest. Last summer was a great week with everyone enjoying the many events: Fellowship, Football, Spiritual Direction, Horse Riding, Workshops, Games, Drama, Mass, Adoration, Confession, etc. A great crowd of youngsters from all over the Diocese. The weather was good enough for an outdoor Mass.

Wherever you are in your Catholic faith, come and be refreshed and renewed in God's love for you!

Please see the poster on the porch noticeboard. For more information and booking forms visit the Fanning the Flame [website](http://www.fifcm1995@gmail.com) or e-mail: fifcm1995@gmail.com