

THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE
THE YEAR OF THE RELENTLESS WIDOW
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

ARE WE WILLING TO FOLLOW THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS?

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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.

In our school history classes many of us will have studied stories about men and women and important events from near and far, people and events that have had an impact on society. The Acts of the Apostles is such a book from the bible.

There are many great stories in the Acts, stories about the people, customs and practices in the early Christian Church. Stephen is the first recorded Christian martyrdom and Stephen's death led to a strengthening of the church rather than a decline which the authorities hoped for. The authorities on the death of Stephen began the great persecution of the Christian Church in Jerusalem.



Would we be brave to follow through our beliefs and lose our life, as we know it, for our faith? Today across the world there are people of faith in many countries who do this – they attend church and reach out in a Christian way to others and lose everything including in some cases their lives. One such person was Saint Oscar Romero from El Salvador who challenged the authorities, the wealthy and the powerful asking them to change their ways and policies so that the poor could have a better quality of life. In 1980 St Oscar Romero, an Archbishop, was shot dead whilst celebrating Mass.

St Stephen and St Oscar Romero both lost their lives (2000 years apart) because they were convinced following the teachings of Christ was the most important way to live.

The second reading today is from Apocalypse also called Revelation. This book was written by a Jewish Christian Prophet who was part of the early Christian Church in Asia Minor. The church at the time was being persecuted by the Romans.

The second reading is a passage of scripture that is called the Epilogue and Benediction because it contains the final comment and a blessing on what John (the writer) had seen in his visions and received as prophecy. Jesus confirms his second coming; the passage summarises who Jesus is and what we must do to be recognised as a follower of Jesus. Are we willing to take up the challenges we are asked to by Jesus?

In today's Gospel Jesus is praying just before his betrayal and arrest. Jesus has already prayed for his friends and disciples; Jesus then prays for all of us his future disciples. Jesus wishes each of us to know not just him but the Father who sent him and to live our lives as Jesus lived his. Jesus prays that each of us will know and feel the love of our Father in Heaven and be willing to share our knowledge with others.

So, the three pieces of scripture are linked. Between them they inform us why Jesus came into the world; the hopes and aspirations our Father in Heaven has for us; that we will never be left alone; we will always be loved and when the time comes Jesus will once again be amongst us as a living human being. The readings also allow us to see that living out our faith might not be easy. However, the positive relationship we should have with Jesus and our Father in Heaven, also allowing the Holy Spirit into our lives should give us all the love and nourishment we need to live out our lives as we are asked to – even in the difficult times and when the going gets tough.

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



PASTORAL CARE CONTACT MOBILE NUMBER - We can provide home visits by Care team members for whatever reason. It could be in the case of illness, to see a friendly face or just for a chat. To request a visit email pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org or ring **07394 440 938**

THE SHOP WILL BE OPEN EVERY SECOND SATURDAY EACH MONTH 5.30pm - 7.00pm and EVERY SUNDAY 9.30am – 10.30am



LITURGICAL CALENDAR – JUNE – 1st St Justin; 3rd St Charles Lwange & Companions; 5th St Boniface; 10th The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; 11th St Barnabas; 13th Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest; 21st St Aloysius Gonzaga; 22nd Ss John Fisher & Thomas Moore; 24th The Nativity of St John the Baptist; 28th The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus; 29th The Immaculate Heart of Mary.

MASS OFFERINGS: £2116.11

SECOND OFFERINGS – JUNE: 1st/2nd World Communications Day; 15th/16th Day for Life; 29th/30th Peter's Pence

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.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT BT MYDONATE WILL CLOSE ON SUNDAY 30 JUNE 2019

**THANK
YOU**
SO VERY MUCH

GOSPEL CHALLENGE – 2nd & 4th 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 :1st/3rd Tuesdays 7.45pm to 9.30pm. Day: 1st/3rd 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.**

TEAS & COFFEES – After all weekend Masses

JOURNEY IN FATH – Every Thursday 7.30pm-9.00pm in the hall, last session Thursday 6 June 2019.

OFS – Saturday 8 June 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 at <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, 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, Jerry Tobin, Rico Morales, Reynalita Leysan, Marie Fielding, Marie Hughes, Jenny Bashford, Phyllis D'Souza, Donal Hanley, Jacqui Rawstron, Jim and Francis McEvoy, Mary Murray, Jane Rodrigues Thelma Briggs, Margaret Pearce, Bessie Smith, Brenda Hook.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....

RELIC OF ST. EDMUND CAMPION : The Knights of St Columba will be presenting the relic of St Edmund Campion at the 9.30am Mass on **Wednesday 5 June 2019** as part of the 2019 Pilgrimage in honour of St Edmund Campion.



CAR PARK SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL – The 2019-2020 car park subscription forms will be available in the porch from **Saturday 1 June 2019** for parishioner renewals and new subscriptions. The new subscription period will be from **Monday 1 July 2019** until **Tuesday 30 June 2020**. Please complete the form and return it to the parish office along with your payment, cash or cheque. The subscription forms will NOT be emailed to existing subscribers. In accordance with new GDPR guidelines all 2018 subscription forms will be shredded.



BRACKNELL FOREST FAITH & BELIEF FORUM AGM - **Thursday 6 June 2019** at 2pm in St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Parish Hall. Guest Speaker: Mr Phil Cook, General Manager of Involve. If you would like to attend, please let Kate Eatwell know on 07973 709647 or email kate.eatwell@hotmail.co.uk



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION This year the children will be receiving First Holy Communion at all weekend Masses (including Saturday morning Mass) from **Saturday 18 May 2019** onwards. They will be with their families in small groups to celebrate receiving this beautiful Sacrament. Please pray for them and their families.



JOINT YOUTH GROUP SOCIAL EVENT - ABLAZE! (age +13) and IGNITE! (age 10-12)

Friday 7 June – Outdoor Adventure Raft Building
For details, please contact the Youth Ministry Team

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR PARISH - We need volunteers to become involved in the life of our Parish by joining some of our ministries, groups and activities, especially brass cleaning, Welcoming, Sacristans, Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word, after Mass Tea & Coffee Teams. The commitment should be monthly if we have enough volunteers. Please only contact the parish office to volunteer or to discuss any of these important ministries.

“Serve the Lord with Gladness”



CATHOLIC VOICES – Is an organisation which seeks to inform people about issues currently affecting the Church and also equipping them to explain the Church's teaching in discussion. This season of presentations will begin with a 'Workshop Day' on 'How to defend the Faith without raising your voice', on **Saturday 8 June** at the Immaculate Conception Church, Yorktown Road, Sandhurst GU47 9BS from 11.00am to 3.00pm. After that the programme will be a series of talks from 7.30-8.30pm on the following evenings:

Monday 10 June – Never again: The legacy of clerical sexual abuse

Tuesday 18 June – Freedom and Equality: partners, not rivals

Wednesday 26 June – The Church on the Frontier: populations and the migrant crisis

Thursday 4 July – Lights at the end of the road: resisting assisted suicide



THE TIME IS NOW!

“The earth, our home is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth” Pope Francis. In his encyclical *Laudato Si'* Care for our Common Home Pope Francis urges us to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and to take action. Climate Change is the biggest threat to our planet, and we are calling on everyone to tell their MPs that the time to act is NOW! Please join us on **Wednesday 26th June** for the **Time is Now** Lobby of Parliament.

For more information and to sign up go to <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/Climate-lobby>



SMC FESTIVAL ON THE FIELD - Come and join us for our first ever Festival on the Field on **Saturday 29th of June** at St. Margaret Clitherow School, 3pm-9pm. Music from 4pm – Band “Project 7”, Red Tape Resistance, Platinum Floyd. Festival stalls, food, licensed bar, inflatables and entertainment. Tickets through school office or online <https://smc-festival-on-the-field.eventbrite.co.uk> or after 10:30am Mass on **9th of June**.



SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES 2019 - Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or Anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 6th July 2019**. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.

If you would like to come, please send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, or contact the Parish Secretary at St Bede's on 01256 465214.

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

Saturday	1 st	6.00pm	Mass	Jurgens Family Living and Deceased (Foundation)
Sunday	2 nd	8.30am	Mass	Noreen Henry, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Marilyn Singson
Monday	3 rd	No Mass		
Tuesday	4 th	No Mass		

ST BONIFACE, Religious, Bishop & Martyr

Wednesday	5 th	9.30am	Mass	James William Johnson, RIP Relic of St Edmund Campion at Mass
Thursday	6 th	9.30am	Mass	John Odell, RIP
Friday	7 th	11.00am	Exposition	
		12.10pm	Mass	
Saturday	8 th	10.00am	Mass	

PENTECOST SUNDAY – YEAR C

Saturday	8 th	6.00pm	Mass	Sydney Egan, RIP and Family
Sunday	9 th	8.30am	Mass	Richal Pais
		10.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions

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**Wednesday & Thursday: 9.10am Morning Prayer, except when Requiem Mass is celebrated**

**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.**

**Parish Office: 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 1BE**

**Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9.30am-2.30pm**

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**Parish Priest: Fr Daniel McAvoy**

**Deacon: Rev Aidan Lynch**

**Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Fisher**

**Pastoral Assistant (Director of Evangelisation): Mary McNab**

**Safeguarding Representatives: Sarah Birch, Marion McGuire, Paula Read**

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