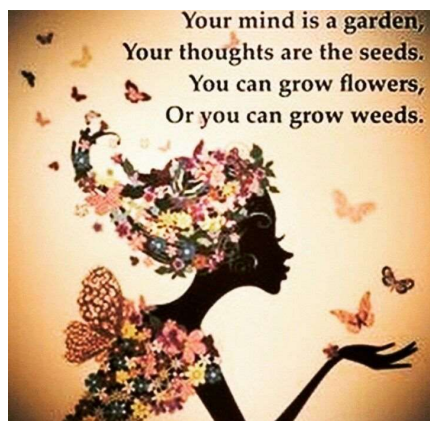


THE YEAR OF MATTHEW
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

LOVE WITHOUT REGRET, LOVE TO BREAKING POINT, LOVE WITHOUT END

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A handful of wheat, a fistful of mustard seeds, a pinch of yeast. Jesus uses these beautiful things to say something amazing about the Kingdom of God. He begins with the great reassurance that love is invincible. No matter how small the beginning, no matter how vulnerable or threatened the middle, the end is never in doubt. In life and in death, the Kingdom will come and Gods' will, *will* be done.

Next. He will not allow us to take a simplistic, no grey in the middle, view of the world. We are all complicated. There is no neat division of people into the 'good' and the 'bad'. We are all a strange mixture of both. Take the first disciples as an example. One moment they are all over Jesus like a rash, then they are following at a distance or not following Him at all. And if we are honest, we don't always go along with Holy things. We drift from time to time. The Great Reassurance of God walks with the Great Not-So-Sureness of the human heart. And so the struggle goes on. Or the struggle goes well. It is a struggle for bread, for shelter and for Compassion. Only the Wisdom which allows the wheat and darnell to remain intertwined can make this happen. This Wisdom puts us in a place of unending repentance as we await the time of harvest.

This invitation to unending repentance is one of the big themes of Saint Matthews Gospel. It is an invitation to shake ourselves free of anything in us which causes hunger, homelessness and despair. And when we have completed this work, we start all over again. This labour goes on and on throughout our lives. This is why, when we leave the retreat centre, full of good intentions and two minutes into the journey home we are screaming at someone who cut us up on the road, we smile. Or we leave Holy Mass full of love, kindness and consideration which evaporates the minute someone presses the wrong buttons. We smile! How many times have we witnessed Saint Peter proclaim his love unto death for Jesus being chastened and illuminated by his own betrayal. Perhaps we dream more than we can do. Perhaps not.

In the teaching of Jesus weeds and wheat grow together. Small seeds become huge trees. Leaven raises dead dough into bread. All are given the gift of time. Time to try again. Time to become repeat repenters and not just repeat offenders. But one day the time will run out and the urgency of the struggle is clear. We all fail and we are all ashamed of the failing within us. But we must not give up on ourselves. Out of our errors and frailty come some of life's most important lessons. There is a freedom that awaits us. It can only be found by those who carry the light, of a certain kind of love, into darkened places.

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Saturday	22 nd	6.00pm	Mass	Molly and Christy Campbell, RIP
Sunday	23 rd	8.30am	Mass	Socarro Barretto, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Helen Considine, RIP
Monday	24 th	No Mass		

ST JAMES, Apostle, Feast

Tuesday	25 th	9.30am	Mass	Maureen Cox, RIP
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Ss JOACHIM AND ANNE, Parents of Our Lady

Wednesday	26 th	9.30am	Mass	Adoh Family, Thanksgiving
Thursday	27 th	9.30am	Mass	Abiodun Adoh, RIP
Friday	28 th	11.00am	Exposition	
		12.10pm	Mass	Una Mair

ST MARTHA

Saturday	29 th	10.00am	Mass	Catherine, Peter, Mary, Helen, John Considine, RIP
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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Saturday	29 th	6.00pm	Mass	James & Joanna Moriarty, RIP
Sunday	30 th	8.30am	Mass	Nicholas Dacunha, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Mary Trevatt, RIP



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 and Confessions every Saturday at 10.45am or by prior appointment.

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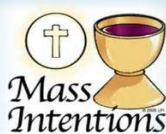
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PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW CHURCH

DID YOU KNOW...?



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Please email your newsletter item(s) to the parish office stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk no later than midday on Wednesdays.



MASS INTENTIONS - Requests for mass intentions by telephone or email will no longer accepted in future. Please use the "Mass Intention" envelopes provided in the porch. Please ensure to include your contact details in case Liz needs to discuss your request or make changes should a funeral, or some other unplanned for event, take place.

Weekend Mass intentions are understandably preferred, but as the number of masses is limited to around 150 per year, we will only allow one Sunday mass intention to be requested per individual in a twelve-month period. Some parishioners are booking almost every weekend mass in advance and unfairly preventing others from having a weekend mass intention, this will no longer be accepted.

There is no real need to have multiple mass intentions offered for the same person. In this regard, we need to be shifting our focus towards the mission of the Church and praying that we will be faithful to this before anything else. Please develop the habit of asking for mass to be offered for situations that affect our sisters and brothers globally.



CAFOD PORTSMOUTH HARVEST BRIEFING – Join us at a special Harvest Briefing on **Thursday 7 September 2017** from 7.30pm to 9pm at English Martyrs' Church Hall, 64 Liebenroad Road, Reading RG30 2EB to hear more about CAFOD's work in El Salvador, the focus of Harvest Fast Day. Please book a place in advance via 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk



CAR PARK SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL/NEW – The 2017/2018 car park renewal and new subscription forms are available in the narthex. The new subscription period is from 1 July 2017 until 30 June 2018. If you have a **Disability Blue Badge** please bring it with your subscription form.

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 when reaching across lighted candles wearing loose clothing, etc. It is important to remember that they can be the cause of major fires and serious injuries if not used correctly.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR - JULY: 22nd St Mary Magdalene; 25th St James; 26th Ss Joachim & Anne; 29th St Martha; 31st St Ignatius of Loyola

AUGUST – 1st St Alphonus Liguori; 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)**; 21st St Pius X; 22nd The Queenship of Mary; 24th St Bartholomew; 28th St Augustine of Hippo; 29th The Passion of St John the Baptist; 30th Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE - Monday 24 July 2017 at 86 Qualitas, Bracknell.

KEEP FIT OVER 50's CLUB – Closed until new school term in September.

TODDLER GROUP – Closed from Tuesday 25 July until new school term in September.

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

SOUP & ROLL – No soup and roll from 21 July to 8 September inclusive.

YOUTH GROUP – Closed from Friday 21 July until new school term in September.



LAST WEEK'S MASS OFFERINGS – THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY: Total amount £1,658.47. Please make cheques payable to "PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph". Gift Aid envelopes and bankers/standing order forms available in the porch.

We pray for the Sick and Housebound of Our Community and for those who care for them.

Sick and Housebound:

Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Adrian Sweeney, Johanna Lenz, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, Jadwiga Butcher, June Cooper, Lilijan Rodenburg, Josephine & Maurice Timms, Andrea Brown, Robert Mulcahy, Mary Carpenter, Mary King,

Those who are unwell or in hospital:

Una Mair, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Patricia Holmwood, Fr Vincent Convery, Teresa Bullock, Maria Bishop, Peggy Pendergast, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Serafina Delmundo, Ann Newton, Bridie Maughan, Allan James, Nicholas Powell, Peggy O'Sullivan, Caroline Nirmalan, Kathleen Brosnan, Jackie Shaw, Blanche Shap, Thelma Briggs, Emma Flavelle. John Richardson, Mike Garnham, Primula Maynard, Ethna Sweeney.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY – Baby Edward Isaac Lynch who is being baptised on **Sunday 23 July 2017** at 12 noon. Please pray for Edward and his parents Peter and Robyn.



VACATION: Fr Danny will be on a much needed and well earned vacation from **Monday 7 August until Monday 28 August 2017 inclusive**. Weekday Masses will be replaced with Communion Services, for weekdays from **Tuesday 8 August to Friday 25 August 2017**, including 10am on Saturday mornings. There will be **NO CONFESSIONS** during this time. **Fr Richard Maniak** will celebrate all weekend Masses for **12th/13th/19th/20th/26th/27th August**, please warmly welcome Fr Richard who is looking forward to seeing you all again.

Tuesday 15 August 2017 is a Holy Day of Obligation – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Fr Andrew Pinsent will celebrate the Masses at 9.30am and 7.30pm, Fr Andrew is also looking forward to celebrating Mass at St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow's.

Please refer to the "Times of Masses" notice outside the Church doors.

For Masses/Services at other local Catholic Churches please see their websites: Ascot – www.stfrancisascot.co.uk; Crowthorne & Sandhurst – www.crowsand.co.uk; Wokingham – www.corpuschristi-wokingham.org



RETREAT DAY FOR THE DEAF - There will be a retreat day for the deaf on **Wednesday 9th August 2017** at St John's Cathedral and Discovery Centre. This event will be fully sign-interpreted. The theme for the event is St Edith Stein. The day will begin at 10:45 and will include Mass at 12.15pm. If you are interested then please contact Fr Robin Ellwood email, careofthedeaf@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



First aid

ARE YOU A FIRST AIDER AT WORK? – Would you be willing to join our new teams of First Aiders

for each of the weekend Masses, if you wish to volunteer for this important and rewarding ministry, **please contact the Parish Office with all your details.**



ARE YOU A FIRE MARSHALL AT WORK? – Would you be willing to join our new teams of Fire Marshalls for each of the weekend Masses. If you wish to volunteer

for this important and rewarding ministry, **please contact the Parish Office with all your details.**



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET - The next Chaplet will be on **Sunday 17 September 2017** at St Francis of Assisi, Ascot from 2.30pm.



Dementia Friends Champions are trained volunteers who encourage others to learn a little bit about dementia. Champions run Information Sessions in their community and inspire others to help those living with dementia live well. If you are interested in becoming a Dementia Friends Champion there is an Induction Day on

Tuesday 26th September 2017 from 10:00 – 16:00 in Reading at Conference Hall, RISC 35-39 London Street, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 4PS. Booking a space is easily done online at www.dementiafriends.org.uk Please let the parish office know if you are planning to attend the Induction Day.



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS - The Life in the Spirit Seminars will be every Tuesday evening from **Tuesday 26 September 2017** until **Tuesday 7th November 2017**. Please can you take time to put it into your diary or on your calendar to save the dates for this amazing experience.

Please read below feedback from parishioners and visitors who attended the Seminar in 2014.

"They made me re-examine my life and commit myself to the Holy Spirit I received a long time ago in Baptism & Confirmation"

"More encouraged, greater zeal to spread the Good News & hope more parishes will run the seminars like this one"