

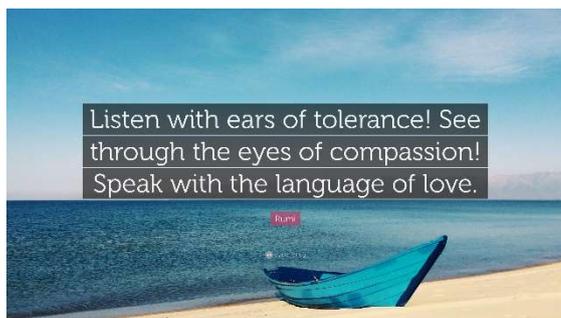
THE YEAR OF SAINT MARK
EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B
THE TEACHER TEACHES: HOW TO BE COMPASSION

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You could read this Sunday's Gospel from the point of view of overworked and stressed disciples. If you did it would be a mistake! Yes, they are back from the mission and the Teacher invites them to go away by themselves and rest. There is a revolving door of so many people with so many demands that the disciples cannot eat. They hop on a boat but the people continue to come to them - walking faster than their oars can push. When they step ashore, Jesus sees the crowds. His Compassion trumps the plan for eating and resting. Those who are suffering must come first. No rest for the disciples. The mission comes first.

Notice how the passage is awash with spiritual symbols. When the disciples have told Jesus about their words and works, it isn't time for a bit of R and R. It is time for a deeper teaching about mission and how it is to be done. They are invited to a 'deserted place' to 'rest' and to 'eat'. Food is not normally found in deserted places. The food that is on offer is learning how to be nourished by God. They are being invited to fall into the heart of God and to be fed there. Also, 'rest' does not mean time to splash on the sun tan lotion and pick up a good novel. This is Sabbath Rest. It is the rest wherein I make myself One with all creation and with the Spirit of the Creator. Here, I learn how to receive, from the heart of God, all I will need for the mission that has been entrusted to me.



This is not an easy thing to do. It requires a shift in awareness. So we must 'get in the boat' and 'cross over' to another way of thinking. This new way does not leave anyone behind. The problem is not the people or their needs. The problem is the way our activity takes us away from the wellspring. On the other shore, with renewed awareness, everything begins with Compassion. Everything is sustained by Compassion. In a world where nobody has any time for those who have nothing to give, Jesus is a magnet. Disciples must learn how to stay in touch with Compassion.

In our own days Compassion is seen as exhausting. We hear of compassion fatigue! When people arrive with their needs, we must find a way to empathise with them. Compassion demands a real relationship. We cannot keep our distance. But living in the world of another's need can be draining. This is why so many 'professionals' complain about compassion fatigue.

Yet, for Jesus, Compassion is a form of rest. How can this be possible? When we think we are in a superior position to someone in need; when we imagine that we are called upon from our greatness or expertise to help another, we very quickly act as if they are a dead weight needing to be lifted up. This is heavy lifting and it is exhausting. For Jesus, Compassion arises from sameness. This cannot be manufactured. It must be genuinely perceived. We must refrain from thinking we have the edge, the possession, the gift, the skill, the knowledge or the luck which makes us better than anyone else. This can only happen in the 'deserted place' and with 'rest'.

Bede Griffiths, a Benedictine monk lived in India for many years and worked to develop this new awareness. He created the 'deserted place' and the 'rest' by choosing the Jesus Prayer, "Lord Jesus, Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner". This meditation brought him into community with all people. He wrote,

*"I unite myself with all human beings from the beginning of the world who have experienced separation from God, or from eternal truth. I realise that, as human beings, we are all separated from God, from the source of our being. We are wandering in a world of shadows, mistaking the outward appearance of people and things for reality. But at all times, something is pressing us to reach out beyond the shadows, to face the reality, the truth, the inner meaning of our lives, and so to find God, or whatever name we give to the mystery which enfolds us".*

When we realise we are the same as everyone else, our actions arise from communion. We are not steeling ourselves to exert influence in the foreign territory of another. Our mission arises from what ultimately unites us, a common humanity longing for a common compassion. Compassion cannot be achieved. It can only emerge when we recognise the deepest truth that we are all one. This new awareness is a place of rest from which mission flows easily. Whenever you find pushing, shoving, pressure or tension, you can guarantee that Compassion has been lost.

## TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

|          |                  |                |                                      |                    |
|----------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Saturday | 21 <sup>st</sup> | 6.00pm         | Mass                                 | Emma Flavelle, RIP |
| Sunday   | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass                                 | Parish Intentions  |
|          |                  | 10.30am        | Mass                                 | James Holleran     |
| Monday   | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |                                      |                    |
| Tuesday  | 24 <sup>th</sup> | 9.15am         | Mass at St Margaret Clitherow School |                    |

### ST JAMES, Apostle, Feast

|           |                  |        |      |                       |
|-----------|------------------|--------|------|-----------------------|
| Wednesday | 25 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am | Mass | Socorro Barretto, RIP |
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### Ss JOACHIM & ANNE, Parents of Our Lady

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|----------|------------------|---------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Thursday | 26 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | Mass                           | Martin Luther Kwasi    |
| Friday   | 27 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Exposition                     |                        |
|          |                  | 12.10pm | Mass and Anointing of the Sick |                        |
| Saturday | 28 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am | Mass                           | Senior Leadership Team |

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

|          |                  |         |      |                      |
|----------|------------------|---------|------|----------------------|
| Saturday | 28 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Bernadette Hunt      |
| Sunday   | 29 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Marie Fielding       |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass | Helen Considine, 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, 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**

**Monday – Friday 9.30am-2.30pm**

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**Parish Secretary (Director of Administration): Elizabeth Fisher**

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**PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW, BRACKNELL**

# DID YOU KNOW...?



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Midday on Tuesdays**, please email any items to [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## DEACONS

Leading through Serving.

**WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH DEACON – Rev. Aidan Lynch** has been appointed by Bishop Philip to minister in our parish. Please give him a warm welcome and your prayers as he walks with us and ministers to us.



**MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING** – On the last **Friday** of the month, Anointing of the Sick will be part of the 12.10pm Mass All are welcome, especially those sick or suffering in any way. If you would like a lift to this Mass, please contact the parish office.



**SIGNING OF FORMS** – If you have a form that needs the certification and signature of a Parish Priest, ie, school forms, etc., please place your form in an envelope marked “Parish Office, Form for Signature” with a note of your phone number and post through the letterbox of the Presbytery Door. We will call you for collection when the form is ready. You do not need to have an appointment with Fr Danny.

**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.



**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.



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR – JULY: 31<sup>st</sup> St. Ignatius of Loyola.**

**AUGUST: 1<sup>st</sup> St Alphonsus Liguori; 3<sup>rd</sup> St Ethelwold; 4<sup>th</sup> St John Vianney; 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; 11<sup>th</sup> St Clare; 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.**

**Big Clearance Sale of Shop items. Many items reduced. Come and grab yourself a bargain**

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE** – Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays 7.45pm to 9.30pm. Please call 01344 427659 for venue.

**TODDLER GROUP** – Closed until early September.

**KEEP FIT** – Closed until new school term in September.

**PRAYER GROUPS**–Hall Evening Group:1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 7.45pm – 9.30pm. Day Group: 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.

**ALPHA** – Every Thursday in the Hall, 7.30pm – 9.00pm from Thursday 7 June 2018 to Thursday 27 September 2018. **No Alpha during August.**

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

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

**MASS OFFERINGS:** £1736.62.



**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.**

**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, Lilijan Rodenburg, Robert Mulcahy, Eddie Moore, Peggy Pendergast, Ann Newton, Joyce Newland, Barbara Simpson, Bridie Maughan, Angelina Ediale, Josephine Timms, Una Gilligan, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Patricia Holmwood, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Blanche Shap, Mike Garnham, Ethna Sweeney, Mary Carpenter, 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

# LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



**SVP – PROJECT VACANCY** – Research and Project Development Officer to work with young adults and other stakeholders across England and Wales. To review, re-model, project plan and potentially produce resources for the programme for 18-30 year olds in preparation for a service re-launch in September 2019. 3 days per week, one year contract, home-based and national travel. Please see the poster on the porch noticeboard. Closing date 10am on Wednesday 25 July 2018, application pack from SVP website: <https://www.svp.org.uk/current-vacancies-paid-and-voluntary>



**WE WELCOME INTO OUR COMMUNITY:** Twins : **Seren Amelia Willis** and **Dylan Finn Willis** and twins : **Sadew Nethmina Fernando** and **Sadewli Nihanso Fernando** who will be baptised on **Saturday 21 July**. Please pray for Seren and Dylan and Sadew and Sadewli and their families that they will be surrounded by God's love.



**CAR PARK NEW WINDOW STICKERS** – The new purple window stickers are available from the parish office, please call in during office open times to collect your sticker, the pink stickers are now invalid. The 2018/2019 car park subscription forms are available in the porch for renewals and new subscriptions. Subscribers who have not renewed are no longer on the system. If you have a Disability Blue Badge the car park is free but a new subscription form must be completed and returned to the parish office in order to continue or start your membership. In accordance with new GDPR guidelines all 2017 subscription forms will be shredded.

FANNING THE FLAME CATHOLIC MISSION

**ABLAZE IN THE TRUTH  
SUMMER CAMP 2018**

**FANNING THE FLAME CATHOLIC MISSION** - The Summer camp is for 10-25 year olds and runs from 20th - 24th August. Bookings close on 12th August, so there's not long left to book your place. A week of faith, fun and fellowship in the beautiful New Forest, to learn about our incredible Catholic faith, come together in friendship and have a lot of (silly) fun! The 5 days of camping include celebrating Mass and praying together, engaging talks, stream time, workshops (of all sorts) horse riding, football, good showers and great meals, and plenty of time to make friends and ask questions about your faith, discover God's incredible love for you, and then leave renewed by his Holy Spirit to live a life of grace! For more information and booking forms visit the Fanning the Flame [website](http://www.fanthefflame.org) or e-mail: [ffcm1995@gmail.com](mailto:ffcm1995@gmail.com) Please see the poster on the porch noticeboard.



**TEA & COFFEE TEAM** - Volunteers are needed for Saturday evening Fairtrade teas and coffees after 6.00pm Mass. Monthly volunteer rota. If we had one or two more volunteers the rota would be every 5 or 6 weeks. It's a great opportunity to get to know others in the parish. If you are interested, please have a chat to one of the volunteers in the hall after Mass to find out more or contact the parish office.



**SAVE THE DATE! Sunday 22 July 2018.** After the 10.30am Mass in the church gardens. Barbeque and Magic Show! If you'd like to help in any way, contact Edmund on [social@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:social@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)



**CONFIRMATION JOURNEY** - In Baptism, we are all given to God. In Confirmation we begin His work. Are you ready? If you are in Year 9 or above and are interested in joining the Confirmation Journey, please register via the website [www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/confirmation2019.html](http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/confirmation2019.html)

**PRO-LIFE GROUP – Please join the informal parish Pro-life Group, no meetings or subscription. Please complete the Pro-life Cards which are in the porch and return to the parish office or join by emailing your details to the Parish Office.**



Pilgrimage

**PILGRIMAGE** to Our Lady's Shrine, Banneux, Belgium, for the 85th Anniversary of the Apparitions and Feast of the Assumption, **11-16 August 2018**. A coach will leave from St. Edmund Campion Church, Maidenhead. Accommodation and full board (including travel): staying at the Hotel Halleux is £435 and staying at the Hospitalité is £320. The Hospitalité is for pilgrims who are sick, disable or elderly. If you are interested and you would like

more information or to reserve a place, please contact Father Liam, priest at St. Edmund Campion Church. His phone number is: 07776580596 or email him on [lcummins@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lcummins@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**Share the Journey**  
#sharejourney

**CAFOD** - This year, the Holy Father urges us to reach out to our brothers and sisters who are forced to flee their homes. This new campaign is called **Share the Journey**. You can **Share the Journey** by joining a walk. This is not just any walk, this is a walk around the world. Schools, parishes, and local communities across England and Wales will be walking to show solidarity with people on the move. Together, we are aiming

for 24,900 miles – the distance around the whole world. **CAFOD** will use this shared journey to deliver a powerful message to world leaders, who meet in September 2018 to agree two global agreements on refugees and migration. For more information on organizing your own parish walk or to find out about a walk in your area please contact Jo Lewry [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or call 01252 329385.

## SOUTH BERKSHIRE PASTORAL AREA



**Co-ordinating Pastor: Fr Danny McAvoy**, St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church, Bracknell, 01344 425729;  
**Fr Kevin Bidgood**, St Francis of Assisi, Ascot 01344 620591;  
**Fr Marcus Brisley** Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst & Holy Ghost, Crowthorne, 01252 876820;  
**Fr David O'Sullivan**, Corpus Christi, Wokingham 0118 9780348