

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

CONTEMPLATING AND THEN ACTING: THE GIFT OF MARY AND MARTHA

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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.

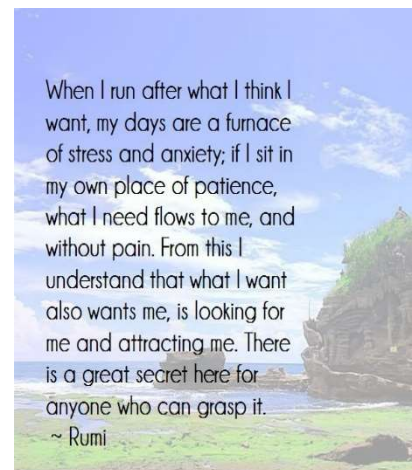
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Last week we heard of a lawyer who asked Jesus, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" The lawyer knows the great commandments of Love, but he does not know how to put them into action. Jesus tells him a story about how to do love. Love of God and Love of neighbour. Whatever is created and stored up on the inside will flow effortlessly to the outside.

In today's visit to the home of Mary and Martha this lesson is continued. Martha is the classic person who is stressed and distressed because, in her view, she has too much to do. She tells herself that her stress is made worse by the fact that her sister is not doing her bit. But the very situation she sees as a problem - Mary sitting at the Lords' feet to absorb His teaching - turns out to be her only hope for peace. It is Martha who must join Mary because she has the one thing necessary - a growing heart, filling with love for God which will give her everything she needs to be effective in the world.


This story of the integration of these two 'sides' of ourselves can be found in other religious traditions. There is a delicious story in the Sufi Wisdom literature. The disciple said to the master, 'I just saw a man who can fly!' The Master replied, 'Big deal, a bird can do that'. So his disciple said, 'And I met a man who can live under water!' 'A fish can do that', said the master. 'Then I met someone who, in the twinkling of an eye, can travel from one town to another'. 'The devil can do that', said the master. "If you truly want to find someone really extraordinary, find someone who can be with people and keep their thoughts on God.' The Master concluded.

Notice how the Master has no time for those who can only see God in the spectacular. The truly extraordinary life is the one that is lived in the ordinary world but is not of this world. But this is not a competition. It isn't as if we have to divide our attention and our energy into separate lives. Our contemplative hearts see more clearly that God is the ground and the horizon of our lives. What Mary brings is the wisdom of knowing that the time we spend at the feet of Jesus is never wasted. This inner wisdom of Mary can connect Martha to the outer world in a new way. The lure of God is present in every situation and in every circumstance. God is inside and outside as a strength which sustains us in all our ways and which commands us to focus our energy on building a just world. When we wake up to this revelation, this truth, we have integrated the two energies that flow with and around us.



There is a prayer which, for some strange reason is positioned towards the end of the Lord's Prayer, when it is prayed within the celebration of the Eucharist. "Deliver us Lord from every evil, and graciously grant us your Peace in our days. That by the help of your Mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all (stress) and distress. As we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ". Martha is the precursor for all who have too much stress and distress in their lives, who feel it is all too much and they just cannot cope with the demands which are weighing on them. And she has a very simple and beautiful lesson to learn and to share with us. That when what we are doing on the outside does not flow from our contemplative hearts we will be in trouble. Resentment and anger will be the early warning signals that we have pulled the plug on our soul. Her desired solution, to turn Mary into another frantic multi-tasker is not accepted by Jesus. Mary has chosen the better or good way. As it is written in the Book of Wisdom, "Although she (Mary) is but one, she can do all things (Martha), and while remaining in herself (Mary) she renews all things. (Martha) (Wis 7,27)

# 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](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**PASTORAL CARE/BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT CONTACT MOBILE NUMBER** - Our Pastoral Care team, includes members of the Bereavement Support Group, offers support and home visits to the sick, the housebound, the lonely and the bereaved. We also visit you at home with Holy Communion if required. If you, a relative or friend who lives in our parish would like a home visit or to meet for a chat please email [pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org) or phone 07394 440 938 (Pastoral Care) or 07376 790 256 (Bereavement Support).



**THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (the SVP)** - Provides practical help and support whenever possible for those who need it. Are you lonely? Are you in need of help of any kind? or Do you know someone who is? If so, contact the SVP on 07731862349 to arrange a visit. All calls are completely confidential.

**THE SHOP WILL BE CLOSED FROM SUNDAY 28 JULY TO SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER INCLUSIVE, RE-OPENING SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER**



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR – JULY:** 22<sup>nd</sup> St Mary Magdalene; 23<sup>rd</sup> St Bridget of Sweden; 29<sup>th</sup> St James; 26<sup>th</sup> Ss Joachim & Anne; 29<sup>th</sup> St Martha; 31<sup>st</sup> St Ignatius of Loyola.

**AUGUST:** 1<sup>st</sup> St Alphonsus Liguori; 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; 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

**MASS OFFERINGS: £1993.17**

**SECOND OFFERING: Apostleship of the Sea £258.58**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY**

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SO VERY MUCH

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.

**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** – Closed until Tuesday 10 September.

**KEEP FIT** – Closed until Tuesday 10 September.

**PRAYER GROUPS** – Hall Evening : 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 7.45pm to 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 at 12.10pm Mass, refreshments after Mass in the hall. **Car park reserved for persons with limited mobility.**

**TEAS & COFFEES** – After all weekend Masses

**OFS** – Saturday 21 September 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 **AND 1.30pm – 3.30pm Walk-in Café, Gt Hollands Square.**

**Fridays 10am – 12pm:** St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, RG12 1BE

**Visit Berkshire Credit Union at <https://www.cslberks.org.uk>**



## 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, 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 Hughes, Jenny Bashford, Phyllis D'Souza, Marie Fielding, Donal Hanley, Jacqui Rawstron, Jim and Francis McEvoy, Mary Murray, Jane Rodrigues, Thelma Briggs, Margaret Pearce, Bessie Smith, Brenda Hook, Simon Brennan, Audrey Lam, Pam Savage.

# LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

**PIUS BABALOLA, RIP** whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Friday 26 July 2019** at **12.30pm**, followed by a Service at 2.30pm at Easthampstead Park Cemetery. Please pray for Pius 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, the rest of the car park is available. This is to enable the funeral gate to be closed to secure the area for the hearse and family mourners' car to turn and park at the church for the Requiem Mass. Thank you.



**NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL :** Can you help us save the planet and save money? We can send to you every Friday the parish weekly newsletter by email, you can then review it anytime you wish. Just send your email address to the parish office [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) by Wednesday any week and we will add your email address to the newsletter confidential group email list. We can then reduce the number of newsletters we print every week, saving money on paper and toner and reduce the quantity we recycle. We will produce a nominal quantity of newsletters placed in the porch for parishioners who do not have an email address, new parishioners and guests to our parish.



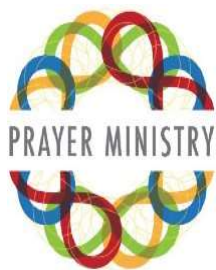
**SCHOOL ADMISSION FORMS FOR SIGNING** – For all school admission forms that need to be signed by Fr Danny, please bring your form(s) into the Sacristy after the Mass you attend at the weekend or weekday as you must be present in front of Fr Danny for the form to be signed. Please complete your form(s) with HONESTY. Forms posted through the letterbox or just left in the Sacristy will not be signed until you are present in front of Fr Danny.



**IGNITE! ABLAZE! - Summer Break!** - The youth groups are now on their summer break. We will be back in September so watch this space for updates and details of future events!

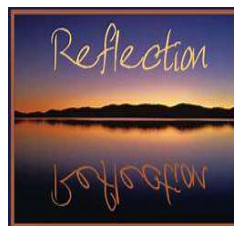
Thank you to all our youth leaders & volunteers for their time and commitment to our young people. We are very blessed to have such a great team. Come and join us...Youth Ministry is challenging, interesting, incredibly rewarding and **FUN**, so why not get involved? Please contact: [youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org) for further details. We look forward to welcoming you.

**BIBLE JOURNALING** - I am starting in **mid September** a regular **Bible Journaling** class at my home during the day. I am interested in **5 other people** joining me on this wonderful prayerful journey. **Bible Journaling** is all about quietly colouring in pages of the bible ( very calming & therapeutic ) reflection on scripture with the group, observations, application and prayer, and moving towards meditation also. Approx. 1 hour per week. For more information contact **Jan on 07866 198581**



## PRAYER MINISTRY TRAINING

There will be Prayer Ministry training on **Tuesday 23rd July** from 7 - 9pm, in the Church Hall for all those interested in or currently involved in Prayer Ministry. The Diocese requests that all people who pray with another person for their needs attends this training. If you would like to attend please email Emmy Bieniek at [contemplative@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:contemplative@bracknellcatholicchurch.org) or contact the parish office



## DAYS OF REFLECTION

Our annual days of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word at Douai Abbey will take place **Saturday 21st, Sunday 22nd September** and **Saturday 5th October 2019**. Each day will be from 9:45am to 4pm and more details will follow after you register, closer to the time. Please register online via the Parish website, or notify the Parish office. Time will fly by, so get your preferred day booked as soon as possible as spaces are limited!

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: THURSDAY 15 AUGUST**  
**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION : MASSES AT 1200 noon and 7.30pm**



**CAFOD HARVEST BRIEFING** - Our parish is hosting a Harvest briefing for CAFOD on **Wednesday 4 September 2019** from 7:15pm to 9pm in the church hall. At this meeting Nikki Evans the Programme Officer for Bolivia will speak about CAFOD's work in Bolivia and give an update on the Hands on Altiplano project from 2016. There will be representatives from other local parishes at this meeting and it would be lovely to see lots of St. Joseph's parishioners there.

To book your place email Jo Lewry [jlewry@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jlewry@cafod.org.uk) or by ringing 01252 329385

# TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

|           |                  |                |      |                                        |
|-----------|------------------|----------------|------|----------------------------------------|
| Saturday  | 20 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm         | Mass |                                        |
| Sunday    | 21 <sup>st</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass | Deceased of D’Cruz & Da Cunha Families |
|           |                  | 10.30am        | Mass | Primula Maynard                        |
| Monday    | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                                        |
| Tuesday   | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                                        |
| Wednesday | 24 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass | Una Mair, RIP                          |

## ST JAMES, Apostle, Feast

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

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|---------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Friday</b> | <b>26<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>12.30pm</b> | <b>Requiem Mass – Pius Babalola, RIP</b> |  |
| Saturday      | 27 <sup>th</sup>       | 10.00am        | Mass                                     |  |

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

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|----------|------------------|---------|------|---------------------------------|
| Saturday | 27 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Simone Tamboo d’Unienville, RIP |
| Sunday   | 28 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Caroline D’Souza, RIP           |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass | Joseph Carabuena, RIP           |

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Wednesday & Thursday: 9.10am Morning Prayer, cancelled for Requiem Mass and No Mass
Thursday: After Mass Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help; cancelled for Requiem Mass and No Mass,
10.15 am Mother’s Prayers; cancelled for Requiem Mass and No Mass
Saturday: 1st Saturday of the month 9.30am Pro-Life Rosary.
Confessions: Every Saturday at 10.45am or prior appointment.

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