

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

RECLAIMING OUR LIFE

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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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The Beloved Son of God has spent the night in prayer. As the sun rises, He chooses 'Apostles' from the community of His disciples. He chooses them in the midst of a people who are suffering and it is crystal clear that He is choosing them to change the situation of the people who have come to Him. They are the reason He has chosen the Twelve. They are the reason He has working disciple and He has a powerful teaching to share with His Apostles and disciples before they speak or act in His name.

He details a series of Blessings and Woes in a style very close to the prophetic tradition. Jesus is much more than a prophet, but he has an unyielding prophetic sensitivity to the chasm that exists between the life that God wants for the poor and the actual life they are living. It is this chasm which evokes the Blessings and Woes.

As St. Paul wrote in his first letter to Timothy (6:17-19), 'As for those who in this present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life'.

As disciples we may be poor, broken and hated but on the plus side we are living in the Kingdom of God. In other words, we have taken 'hold of the life that really is life'. Since this real life is amazing, it can coexist with hunger, brokenness, mourning and persecution. Why? Because this 'real life' will outlast the suffering and negativity which injustice brings. The unjust will self-destruct sometime very soon. Notice, too, the special emphasis on the disciples' blessedness when they endure rejection because they are followers of Jesus and are trying to embody the new humanity and the new community of the Son of Man. The rich and powerful not only resist the invitation to join them, they go on the offensive to persecute and discredit them. But instead of despair, Jesus wants His disciples to rejoice when this happens! The same joy the prophets discovered when they held out for Gods' world while they were attacked by people who only wanted to defend their own status and power.

The Woes are driven by the same energy. The rich have chosen a life that is not real life! Their consolation is now but it won't last very long. And then, a special warning to disciples who compromise on the cutting edge of Jesus' message. If they rationalise present injustices, if they tell the world it does not need to repent, they will have adapted God's Word to justify unjust situations. As always with Jesus, a choice must be made, a path chosen. Will it be Blessing or Woe?



I heard once of a woman disciple who said Yes to this paradoxical life of Blessings and Woes. She knew the life that was real life and unmasked every counterfeit she met along the way. She was wide awake while all around her others slept. She suffered because she was a true prophet. She lived without anaesthetic. She took in the suffering of her sisters and brothers because it was there when it should not have been. "We have to help them", she would say. When she died, there was uncertainty about what age she was until someone who knew her well announced that she was ageless. And this is what she, the ageless one, said:

"Whenever there is unjust suffering, you stop it. Sure, you might not know what is next. So what. You know what should not be and what won't last in the long run. If it is oppressive, it is wrong. There is a better life. Reach for it. And don't count the cost".

## DID YOU KNOW...?



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Midday on Tuesdays**, please email any items you need to make known to the parish via the newsletter to [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



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

**FR ADRIAN WALKER, RIP** – Fr Adrian died peacefully at Frimley Park Hospital on 24 January after being admitted the previous day. Fr Adrian was born in August 1931 and ordained to the Priesthood in 1960, he retired from full-time ministry in 2004 and then delighted us with celebrating our Masses as a supply Priest. His Requiem Mass is celebrated on **Wednesday 20 February 2019** at 1200 noon at St Joseph's Church, Cookham road, Maidenhead SL6 7EG.

*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 12 noon the day before a Requiem Mass at the Church. This is to enable us to lock the funeral gate to secure the area for the hearse and family mourners' cars to turn and park at the church for the Requiem Mass. Thank you.



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR – FEBRUARY:** 22<sup>nd</sup> The Chair of St Peter; 23<sup>rd</sup> St Polycarp.  
**MARCH:** 1<sup>st</sup> St David; 6<sup>th</sup> **ASH WEDNESDAY**; 19<sup>th</sup> St Joseph; 25<sup>th</sup> The Annunciation of the Lord;

**MASS OFFERINGS: £1988.14 PAX CHRISTI PEACE SUNDAY: £302.60**

**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.

**SECOND OFFERINGS FOR FEBRUARY: 16/17<sup>th</sup> RACIAL JUSTICE – please take a prayer card from the porch.**

**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** – 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 :1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 7.45pm – 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 12.10pm Mass, refreshments after Mass.

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

**OFS** - Next meeting **Saturday 16 March 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 website <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, Johanna Lenz, 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, Gerry Tobin, Rico Morales, Reynalita Leysan, Marie Fielding, Marie Hughes, Jenny Bashford, Phyllis D'Souza, Donal Hanley, Pat Meehan, Jacqui Rawstron, Jim and Francis McEvoy, Mary Murray, Jane Rodrigues.

## LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



### SACRISTAN

**MINISTRY OF SACRISTAN** – This is a most beautiful Ministry within our Church. It is to prepare and, or, clear, the Altar and Sanctuary of the sacred items of the Holy Mass. The sacred items are cleaned and returned to the secure holding place in the Sacristy. We need teams for all the weekend and weekday Masses. If you feel a calling to join this wonderful Ministry please contact the parish office only [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or phone 01344 425729, an induction and full training will be provided.

**MINISTRY OF WELCOME** - A warm and friendly welcome to everyone as they enter our church is at the very heart of our mission to foster belonging and community. If you would like to join our great team of Welcomers at the 8:30am and 10.30am Sunday Masses, please speak to Mary McNab or email [bracknellpa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bracknellpa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE HOUSEBOUND** - Eucharistic Ministers, who assist Fr Danny in ensuring that Holy Communion can be taken to the sick and housebound in our parish community, are invited to attend **10am Mass on Saturday 23 February followed by a workshop from 11.15am - 12.15pm in the hall.** Anyone, who feels called to minister to the sick and housebound and wants to find out more, is also invited to attend. If you then wish to proceed,

you will need to go through the Diocesan safeguarding process, if you haven't already done so, have a DBS certificate in place and have attended Diocesan Safeguarding Training before beginning your ministry. For more information please contact [pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)

**FLOWER ARRANGING CLASSES** with a fully qualified tutor will be starting in the Church Hall on Monday evenings commencing **Monday 25 February** for 8 weeks. Suitable for beginners and those with experience. Please see the notice board in the Narthex for full details.



**PASTORAL CARE** - Are you ill or otherwise unable to come to church? Do you know someone who is? Please contact the Pastoral Care team through the parish office on 01344 425729, email [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) OR email [pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org) to arrange a visit

**WHEN IN HOSPITAL** - We are very blessed to have Catholic Priests and other Chaplains who minister at our hospitals: Wexham Park, Frimley Park, Heatherwood and the Royal Berkshire. The Chaplaincy team is only permitted to visit patients who have asked to see the Chaplain. If you wish to receive a visit, please ensure that staff are made aware of this immediately. Also you can let us know you need a Priest visit by contacting the parish office on 01344 425729 email [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) OR email [pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)



**AWARE AND CARE** - Are you aware of someone who usually sits near you at Mass who is no longer coming to Mass? They may be ill. Please mention your concern to one of the Welcoming team or the Senior Leadership team at Mass or contact [pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)



**CREDIT UNION ARRIVES IN BRACKNELL** - If you would like to find out more about what the credit union can offer, please visit the contact point opening in the porch shop at 10am every Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Details of opening times are on the flyers in the porch and in the parish newsletter. Please help to distribute as many flyers as you can to spread the word about the help and support available to anyone who wants to better manage their finances. **Please note: The Credit Union Teams will be using the Church Shop room for Credit Union meetings only, no shop purchases can be made during these times.**



**JOURNEY IN FAITH** - Thursday evenings from 7.30 – 9 pm in the hall. This is a group for people wanting to deepen their understanding of our faith. We will study and reflect upon the following Sunday's readings and explore aspects of the Catholic faith. Everyone is welcome, especially those who are considering joining the Church. No commitment - just come along to see if this is something that could support you on your faith journey. For more information contact [bracknellpa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bracknellpa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**IGNITE! (age 10-12)**- Next meeting – **Friday 1 March 2019**, 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the hall  
**ABLAZE! (age +13)** – Next meeting – **Friday 8 March 2019**, 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the hall.  
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](mailto:youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)



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**LENT FAST DAY MEETINGS** - CAFOD meetings on **Monday 18 February** 7:15pm to 9pm, Christ the King Church 408 Northumberland Avenue Reading RG2 8NR. Sally Kitchener CAFOD's, the Communications Team will talk about her visit to CAFOD's projects in Bangladesh, to explore the resources for **Lent Fast Day on Friday**

**15 March.** On **Tuesday 5 March** 7:15pm - 9pm at St Joseph's Church London Road Newbury RG14 1JP Kezia Harrow, "Step into the Gap Volunteer" will talk about her trip to CAFOD's projects in the Holy Land. Please book your place by emailing [portsmouth@caofd.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@caofd.org.uk) or call 01252 329385



**CAFOD SOUP-ER SUNDAY** - In support of CAFOD Family Fast Day, there will be a soup and roll lunch held at 12pm on **Sunday 17 March 2019** in the church hall. Donations towards the cost by bringing your Family Fast day envelope or cash. It will be Soup-er

**CHARLES WHITEHEAD TALK** - Please put this date in your personal diary/calendar, Charles Whitehead will be giving a talk in the Parish Hall on **Tuesday 19 March 2019**, the session will be from 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. A talk **WHAT DO WE MEAN BY 'WALKING IN THE SPIRIT' AND HOW DO WE DO IT?** followed by praying over individuals if they wish.

## **TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS**

### **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C**

|           |                  |                |      |                                   |
|-----------|------------------|----------------|------|-----------------------------------|
| Saturday  | 16 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm         | Mass | Simon Randal, RIP                 |
| Sunday    | 17 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass | Parish Intentions                 |
|           |                  | 10.30am        | Mass | Jean-Marc and Ted Bouchereau, RIP |
| Monday    | 18 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                                   |
| Tuesday   | 19 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                                   |
| Wednesday | 20 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass | Tom and Eileen Larkin, RIP        |
| Thursday  | 21 <sup>st</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass | John Connaughton, RIP             |

### **THE CHAIR OF PETER, Feast**

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| Friday | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 11.00am | Exposition |                       |
|        |                  | 12.10pm | Mass       | Anointing of the Sick |

### **ST POLYCARP, Bishop & Martyr**

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| Saturday | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 10.00am | Mass | Eucharistic Ministers to Sick/Housebound |
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### **SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C**

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| Saturday | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Parish Intentions           |
| Sunday   | 24 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Carmen and Ben Robin-D’Cruz |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass | Gerard Henry, RIP           |

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*Wednesday & 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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