

**THE YEAR OF SAINT MATTHEW
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN**

CHISELING OUR OWN STATUE

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

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Life and a Death. These are matters of great importance, and the readings this week invite us to consider these precious things which are in our hands. We are also encouraged not to give up on the quest for holiness of life. Our faithfulness unfolds in our commitment to the Charter for just living - the law- and to the teaching of the Prophets. But notice how Jesus elevates certain aspects of these and allows others to fall away. He affirms and deepens the heart of the Law and Prophets and sweeps away what doesn't really matter.

The higher calling of His Disciples is the struggle for community in an age of holocaust. The struggle begins when we aim to strengthen our inner life. The religious leaders seem to be fixated on externals and their need to be 'seen' by others. Their egos are so huge, they can no longer see, or give priority to, those who are hurting. They tinker with trifles, obsess about details of the law and bury their passion for justice, love and compassion in the graveyard of their own self-importance.


Jesus calls his disciples to attend to their inner life. Life and Death, Love and Hate, Adultery and Faithfulness are huge polarities that we have to navigate every day. The rabbis often speak of 'evil imaginings'. If our angry hearts overflow into abusive talk we have sown the seed for murder. If we escape the need for reconciliation by just talking to God, Jesus sends us back to the person we have wronged to ask for forgiveness. If lust and deceit leads us to break people's hearts, we must enlarge our hearts by honouring the values which underpin love.

One of the oldest, and wisest, spiritual injunctions is 'Know Yourself!' We are pushed down the path of searing honesty and self-discovery. We set up a watching and listening post in the centre of our being and begin the difficult task of seeing ourselves as we really are. We need to know how anger rises in us, comes to expression and then recedes. We need to watch lust and note how it can grip us and rush us along paths we may not choose. We need to understand how we want shortcuts to forgiveness, how we hesitate and sometimes stall when it comes to starting a conversation with someone that might bring us peace.



As St Matthew considers the size of the problem, he takes a no nonsense approach. Whatever causes us to sin must be removed! Of course, he is right because sin is pretty ugly. So, we just have to keep chiselling at our own statues.

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/BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT CONTACT MOBILE NUMBER - Our Pastoral Care team and Bereavement Support Group, offers support and home visits to the sick, the housebound, the lonely and the bereaved. We 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 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.

PARISH REGISTER – Have you registered you and/or your family on the parish register yet? If not, please go to the website www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org drop down “Parish Life” and click on “Parish Registration”, this is a secure database and very important for our parish and parishioners especially when applying for any of the Sacraments.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR – February: 10th St Scholastica, 11th Our Lady of Lourdes, 14th St Cyril & St Methodius, 22nd The Chair of St Peter, 26th **ASH WEDNESDAY**.



Thank You!!!

MASS OFFERINGS: £2490.59

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY

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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 during term time in the hall.

***KEEP FIT:** Every Tuesday 2pm during term time in the hall.

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

RCIA: Thursdays 7:30pm-9pm in the hall.

***Cancelled for “Requiem Mass” and “No Mass”**

CHOIR PRACTICE: Thursdays 7:30pm-8:30pm in the church. All are welcome.

***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.**

***SOUP & ROLL FRIDAYS:** Every Friday after 12.10pm Mass

***Cancelled for “Requiem Mass” and “No Mass”**

TEAS & COFFEES: After all weekend Masses

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Saturday 22 February, Holy Ghost Church, Crowthorne 2.00pm-4.00pm. All welcome.



BERKSHIRE CREDIT UNION CONTACT POINTS AND DATES: Come along and have a chat with a trained volunteer at one of the locations points:

Mondays: 11.30am – 1.30pm: St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1BE **AND By Appointment:** St Paul’s Church, The Square, Ralphs Ride, RG12 9LP

Tuesdays: 12noon – 2.00pm: St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1BE

For more information, please contact Reception 01189-585803 or email reception.cslberks.org.uk Monday-Friday 10am to 2pm

Wednesdays: By appointment Crown Wood School, Opladen Way, Bracknell RG12 0PE

Thursdays: By appointment Holy Trinity Church, The Langley Hall, The Ring, Bracknell RG12 1HD **AND 1.30pm – 3.30pm** The Look-In Café, Gt Hollands Square, RG12 8UX

Fridays: 12noon – 2.00pm St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, 39 Braccan Walk, RG12 1BE

Last Friday of the Month: 9.00am to 3.00pm Market, Princess Square, Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1BE



SOUTH BERKSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

Co-ordinating Pastor: Fr Danny McAvoy, St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, Bracknell, RG12 1BE 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

Canon Simon Thomson, Corpus Christi, Wokingham, RG40 2HE Tel: 0118 9780348

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, Peter Dossett, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, Eddie Moore, Peggy Pendergast, Ann Newton, Joyce Newland, Bridie Maughan, Angelina Ediale, Josephine Timms, 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 Torode, Dorcas Innes-Grant, Veronika Jastrzebski, Doreen Gladwin, Jerry Tobin, Rico Morales, Reynalita Lysan, Marie Hughes, Jenny Bashford, Phyllis D’Souza, Donal Hanley, Jim and Frances McEvoy, Mary Murray, Thelma Briggs, Margaret Pearce, Brenda Hook, Simon Brennan, Audrey Lam, Pam Savage, Marie Swash, Terri Landmann, Jennie Tucker, Vilma Taborda, Zac Hoy, Terry and Mary Brennan

If you would like to add a name to this list with consent, or if you want a name removed, please contact the Parish Office.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....

FR DANNY UPDATE: Although still in recovery, Fr Danny will return to weekday and weekend Masses from Wednesday 19 February. This weekend Fr JP Lyttle will be celebrating the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday, 8.30am and 10.30am Masses on Sunday, please give Fr JP a warm welcome to the parish. Please keep Fr Danny in your prayers.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF: EDGAR WHITE, RIP

Edgar's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church on Friday 28 February 2020 at 11.00am followed by a Service at Easthampstead Park Crematorium at 1.00pm. Please pray for Edgar and all his family.

May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF: PAULINE McSHANE, RIP

Arrangements for Pauline's funeral will be made known as soon as they are confirmed. Please pray for Pauline and all her family.

May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

CORONAVIRUS - TAKING RESPONSIBILITY : Until further notice for all Masses, the "Blood of Christ" Chalice and the **HANDSHAKE** "Sign of Peace" is suspended, the prayer will still be offered. Our priority is the health and safety of all parishioners and visitors. Thank you for helping us to act responsibly during this outbreak.



YOUTH ALPHA - (ages 13-17):

Next meeting **Friday 28th February (after half term)** in the Church Hall from 7pm to 9pm

IGNITE! Youth Group - (ages 10-12) :

Join us for our next meeting on **Friday 13th March** in the Church Hall - 7pm to 9pm

For more details about any of our youth activities please email us at

youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org

ASH WEDNESDAY – 26 February 2020: Times of Masses 1200 noon and 7.30pm

CatholicVoices

We would like to invite you to a series of talks and discussion, hosted by Catholic Voices. These are all in our church hall on the following Wednesday evenings, starting at 7pm for about an hour and a half. Please sign-up for the Catholic Voices talks on the website www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/cvtalks

11th March: Defending the Unborn: The Church and Abortion

8th July: Gender, Sexuality, and Same-Sex Partnerships

22nd July: Love, Marriage, and Contraception

2nd Sept: Women in the Church

23rd Sept: What's Wrong with Assisted Suicide/ Euthanasia?

4th Nov: Never Again: Legacy Clerical Sexual Abuse in Church

We will be discussing some controversial issues at each of these. For example, on 11th March, whether it is ever possible to reconcile the Catholic faith with being pro-choice; the evidence that praying outside abortion clinics is ethical and effective and why the church does not support contraception when this increases the risk of unwanted pregnancy and abortion.

Please note that these talks are not suitable for anyone under the age of 16 years and, if you are under 18 years, you will need to be accompanied by an adult.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

The parish is looking for volunteers to count the offerings after the 10:30 Mass on Sundays. This is an important role and if you are happy working with numbers and are willing to commit 1-2 hours for this task every 4 or 5 weeks please contact the parish office.

Volunteers also needed for the Baby & Toddler Group who meet in the hall every Tuesday during term time from 9.30am to 11.30am, this is a lovely group who need your help.



CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 6th MARCH

The **Lent CAFOD's family fast day** is an opportunity to reach out to some of the poorest, most marginalised of our sisters and brothers. Please consider eating a simple meal and put what you save in the CAFOD collection envelope. Through CAFOD's global Church family your support helps those living in poverty overseas so many thanks for your donation.



SINGING FOR JOY

We are a parish singing group sharing the love of Christ, through song, to the local Care Homes, all welcome to join us at the following venues and dates:

EDMUNDS COURT: RG12 2HP: 25 March at 2.15pm

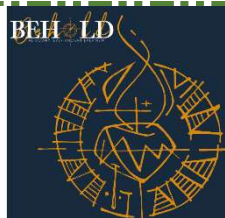
ASTBURY MANOR: RG12 7AU: Sunday 8 March at 2.15pm

BRACKNELL CARE HOME: RG12 7DN: Wednesdays 26 February, 11 March and 1 April at 1.45pm

CLEMENT HOUSE: RG12 2GH: Sundays 23 February and 19 April at 2.15pm



CHRISM MASS, CATHEDRAL PORTSMOUTH – Tuesday 7 April 2020 at 11.00am at the Cathedral. We have now booked the coach but still need passengers, please contact the parish office on 01344 425729 or email stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. **No charge but donations are very welcome as the coach is expensive, please make your donation to the parish office by 31 March. We will Meet at St Josephs at 7.30am to leave at 8.00am prompt, arriving back at 4pm.**



BEHOLD 2020 - THE REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY - On the feast of Corpus Christi 1381, King Richard II dedicated England to Mary in a ceremony at Westminster Cathedral. England received the title 'Mary's Dowry' meaning England was set aside as a gift for Our Lady under her guidance and protection. On **29 March 2020** at midday, England will be rededicated to Mary in our parish as well as cathedrals, churches, schools and homes throughout the whole country. As King Richard II once gave England as a gift to Our Lady, so we are asked to give ourselves to Mary. To prepare for the Rededication, you are invited to pray a simple daily prayer routine for 33 days beginning on **21 February** and ending on the Feast of the Annunciation on **25 March**. Collect your "33 Days to Morning Glory" booklet from the porch at you leave Mass today.

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday | 15 th | 6.00pm | Mass | Regina O’Kelly, RIP |
| Sunday | 16 th | 8.30am | Mass | Parish Intention |
| | | 10.30am | Mass | Private Intention |
| Monday | 17 th | No Mass | | |
| Tuesday | 18 th | No Mass | | |
| Wednesday | 19 th | 9.30am | Mass | Ifeanyi Emmanuel Harris |
| Thursday | 20 th | 9.30am | Mass | Maria Vincenza Chiappetta, RIP |
| Friday | 21 st | 11.00am | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| | | 12.10pm | Mass | Philomena O’Neill |

THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, Feast

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| Saturday | 22 nd | 10.00am | Mass | |
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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

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| Saturday | 22 nd | 6.00pm | Mass | John & Dymphna Slade 60 th Wedd Anniv |
| Sunday | 23 rd | 8.30am | Mass | Wielgosz Family |
| | | 10.30am | Mass | Jean-Marc Bouchereau, 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: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 9.30am Pro-Life Rosary**  
**Confessions: Every Saturday at 10.45am or prior appointment**

**THESE WILL BE CANCELLED FOR “REQUIEM MASS AND “NO MASS”**

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**Parish Priest: Fr. Daniel McAvoy**

**Deacon: Rev. Aidan Lynch**

**Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Fisher**

**Pastoral Assistant: Mary McNab**

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

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