

THE YEAR OF MATTHEW
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A:
CHISELING OUR OWN STATUE

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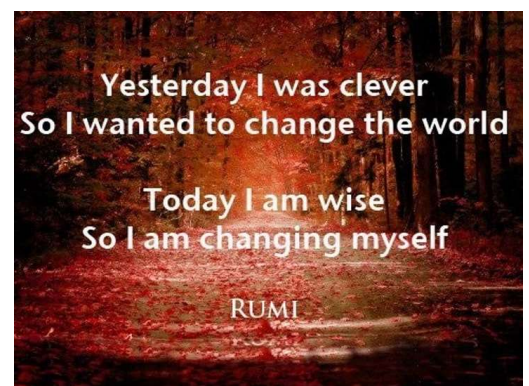
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Life and a Death. These are matters of great importance, and the readings this week invite us to consider these precious things which are in our hands. We are also encouraged not to give up on the quest for holiness of life. Our faithfulness unfolds 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.

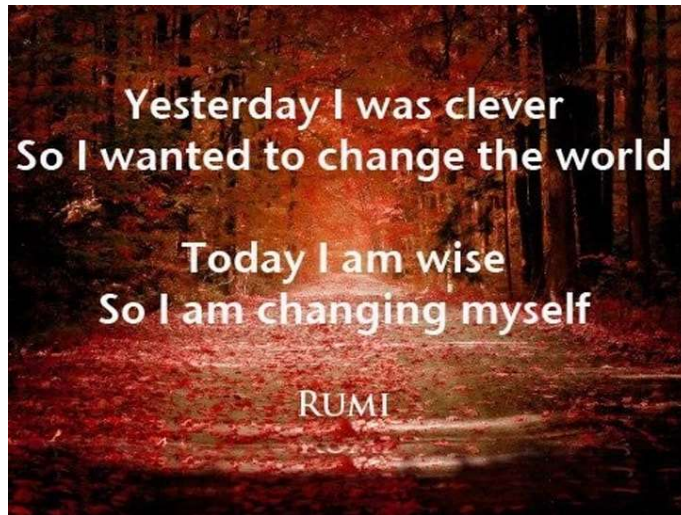
Jesus calls his disciples to attend to their inner life. Life and Death, Love and Hate, Adultery and Faithfulness are huge polarities that we have to navigate every day. The rabbis often speak of 'evil imaginings'. If our angry hearts overflow into abusive talk we have sown the seed for murder. If we 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.

## TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS



### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

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| Saturday | 11 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm         | Vigil Mass | Alice and Paddy Egan, RIP         |
| Sunday   | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass       | Edward Sheppard, RIP (Foundation) |
|          |                  | 10.30am        | Mass       | Maxima and Cesar Camba, RIP       |
| Monday   | 13 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |            |                                   |

### Ss CYRIL, Religious and METHODIUS, Bishop

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| Tuesday   | 14 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | Mass                                 | Heather and Clifford Holt, RIP |
| Wednesday | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | Morning Prayer and Communion Service |                                |
| Thursday  | 16 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | Mass                                 | Jim and Josie McVeigh, RIP     |
| Friday    | 17 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Exposition (until 12.00noon)         |                                |
|           |                  | 12.10pm | Mass                                 | Maureen Denny, RIP             |
| Saturday  | 18 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am | Mass                                 | Fr James Maguire, RIP          |

### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

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| Saturday | 18 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Vigil Mass | Sidney and Mary Egan, RIP                                               |
| Sunday   | 19 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass       | ExCaritate Mass for donators to the Priest Retirement Fund (Foundation) |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass       | Sue Havers, RIP                                                         |



**Tuesday to Thursday:** 9.10am Morning Prayer; **Thursday:** 10.15 am Mother's Prayers;  
**Saturday:** 9.30am Rosary, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 9.30am Pro-Life Rosary and  
 Confessions every Saturday at 10.45am or on request

# DID YOU KNOW...?



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



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF Peggy Malone.** Peggy's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's Church on **Friday 3 March, 2017** at 12.30pm. May she rest in Peace

**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.



**PASTORAL CARE** - If you are interested in visiting the sick and lonely or if you would like to get involved in helping in a practical way, please contact the parish office or come to our next monthly Prayer and Pastoral Care meeting 7pm-8pm on **Wednesday 15 February 2017**.



**CAN WE HELP?** If you or someone you know is lonely, struggling or in need of practical help and support, please contact the parish office or the St Vincent de Paul Society on 07731862349.



**CAN YOU HELP?** This week the St Vincent de Paul Society (Ascot & Bracknell SVP) needs a chest of drawers, small armchair, and computer desk to help clients locally. Please call 07731862349 to arrange collection.



**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** If you are going into hospital or know someone who is, please let Liz in our parish office know and also inform the hospital chaplain on arrival.



**SICK AND/OR HOUSEBOUND** If you know of anyone who is sick and/or housebound please let Liz in our parish office know as soon as possible so that a visit can be arranged.



**TIME OF REFLECTION & TRAINING : VISITS TO THE SICK AND LONELY** – On **Saturday 25 February 2017** from 10.45am to 11.45am a time of reflection and training for those who visit the sick and lonely, especially Eucharistic Ministers taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. **Note: no confessions after Mass.**



**CLOTHESBANK THANK YOU** – Thank you to everyone who donated clothing for the Giveaway last week. 123 clients in total were helped: 51 adults and 72 children.



**VOLUNTEER VACANCY** – The Bracknell Foodbank need able-bodied volunteers for 3 hours one morning per week to work with the jolly folks in the warehouse, loading, offloading and sorting donations, etc. If you wish to become a volunteer, please contact the Parish Office.



**LAST WEEK'S MASS OFFERINGS – THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS:** Total amount £1,790.46. Please make cheques payable to "PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph".

**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, Thelma Briggs, Johanna Lenz, Bridget Tanner, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, and Yvonne Gantzer, Jadwiga Butcher, June Cooper, Lilijan Rodenburg, Marjorie Brown Josephine & Maurice Timms, Andrea Brown.

**Those who are unwell or in hospital:**

Bill Guilfoyle, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Una Mair, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Nora Cronin, Patricia Holmwood, Fr Vincent Convery, Teresa Bullock, Maria Bishop, Peggy Pendergast, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Serafina Delmundo, Veronica Jastrzebski, David McCann, Brian Mecklenburg, Ann Newton, Bridie Maughan, Francis Robinson, Tom Corridan, Allan James, Nicholas Powell, Peggy O'Sullivan

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



**CENTENARY OF THE FATIMA APPARITIONS – Saturday 18th February 2017** at 2pm, Cardinal Vincent Nichols will receive, bless and crown the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima in Westminster Cathedral for the Fatima Centenary year 2017, followed by Mass and Veneration of the Relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco. The Statue and Relics will be visiting Portsmouth Cathedral on **26-27 August 2017**. For more information see [www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/newsletter.html](http://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/newsletter.html)



**THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET – URGENT!** Please help to save The Divine Mercy Chaplet! I am pleading for help with leading The Chaplet and for more Parishioners to attend on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 2.00 pm. Next Divine Mercy Chaplet is on **Sunday 19 February 2017**. Please contact Shaun via the Parish Office.



**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – Friday 3rd March 2017, 7.30pm** at St Martin's Church Church Road, Chavey Down, Ascot SL5 8RR. All are very welcome.

**VOLUNTEER DBS FORMS** – If you have recently volunteered for any of the ministries within the parish, your DBS Application Pack is ready for collection in the Sacristy, brown named envelope. Once completed and ID ready for copying, please contact Marion McGuire on 07712 048695

**DBS CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING** - On **Saturday 4th March 2017**, Child Protection Training - 10.00am – 12.30pm at Corpus Christi, Sturges Road, Wokingham, Berkshire RG40 2HE. The Trainer is Jo Hopkins, Diocesan Safeguarding Trainer. If you wish to attend this session, please register with Soraya Ciccarone email [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to book your place.

**Happy St. Patrick's Day!**  
Today everyone is irish

**ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION** – On **Saturday 18 March 2017**, from 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Entry is free, all donations to the Parish Lenten Project "Medaille Trust". Enjoy a night of "Ceol agus Craic" (music and fun) with your friends. Please bring your own drinks and snacks, maybe Irish food, tea and coffee will be available. We will have a raffle for the Lenten Project,

donations of raffle prizes will be appreciated.

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**CORPUS CHRISTI FOUNDATION of the UNION of CATHOLIC MOTHERS** – Invite the ladies of St Joseph's Parish to come along to their Annual Day of Recollection on "The Women of St Matthew's Gospels" on **Saturday 18 March 2017**, 9.30am to 3.30pm. The venue is Keenan Rooms, Corpus Christi, Wokingham RG40 2HE. The registration fee of £10 includes coffee/tea/biscuits, lunch with drinks, afternoon tea/coffee and cakes. If anyone would like to register to come along, please contact Francesca Chard tel: 01189 784630.



Thank you for your patience while we review our Children's Liturgy Safeguarding and Health & Safety procedures. We hope to be able to resume this important ministry in the very near future, however, this is dependent on having sufficient volunteers in place. Thank you to those who have already come forward, but we still need more! **Please note that a volunteer does not mean you have to lead the session - we also need general helpers.** Please contact the parish office if you would like to help.

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE** - Monday 27 February 2017 at 9 Anneford Place, Bracknell.

**KEEP FIT OVER 50's CLUB** – Every Tuesday 2.00pm to 3.00pm in the Hall.

**TODDLER GROUP** – Closed 14 February, resumes 21 February.

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

**RCIA** – Every Thursday, 7.30pm to 9.00pm in the Hall.

**SOUP & ROLL** – Closed 17 February, resumes 24 February.

**YOUTH GROUP** – Closed 17 February, resumes 24 February.