

THE YEAR OF MATTHEW
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

FLOWING WITH LIFE - COMMUNION AND MISSION

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Whenever someone is chosen for the office of Bishop, they usually create a coat of arms which is filled with the signs and symbols of their heart. Our own Bishop has the star of the sea, indicating his devotion to the blessed mother, the hart that yearns for and finds living water, and the cross of Jesus. Beside these symbols, there is usually a declaration of the Bishops' understanding of himself, and of the way he intends to move. Bishop Philip, has the motto, 'In Corde Jesu' - 'In the heart of Jesus'. He hopes that this is where we will find him. But we can only find him if we are there too.

So here's a little game. Imagine you have been chosen to be a Bishop and now you have to create your own coat of arms and define the motto of your life. What would it look like I wonder?

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter, Jesus is talking to His disciples about what happens when we enter His Sacred Heart. Our ability to love one another depends on us entering and staying there. It is when we leave that things go wrong. So loving Jesus and staying in communion with Him is the key to Faithful Discipleship.

You might ask, "how can we do this since He is no longer with us in the same way?" It's a good question! The Saviour would answer that, like all who have gone before us into heaven, He is with us in a different way. Departure through death is not a total loss. It provides for a different way of being present. What is more, the shatterer of death also brings an unbreakable communion with Himself and His Father into the hearts of all who believe. The point seems to be that the more we act out of love for Him, the more deeply we experience that Love through the Spirit, the more intensely we experience the Love of the Father.

For Jesus, there is no doubt that the quality of our mission depends completely on the quality of our relationships. The way that we make or break affectional bonds takes on a new seriousness. Now that we are moved by the Spirit of God we are in for a wild ride. A ride that does not allow us to sin. In The Four Quartets, T.S. Eliot put it beautifully.

"We must be still and still moving - into another intensity - for a further and deeper communion..."

The reality of this relationship is eternal and is not subject to loss or time. It is a dance that survives death.

Perhaps this is why the Holy Trinity is best described as dancing. But more than that, we are being asked to join in the dance. To enter the flow of life that goes round and round without beginning or end. This is the Love I am talking about when I talk about Love. The dance is going on right now beneath our feet. The music is playing, and as we listen to Jesus we sense our feet beginning to tap to His music.

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A

Saturday	20 th	6.00pm	Mass	Alfreda Slonina, RIP
Sunday	21 st	8.30am	Mass	Kenny Ochije
		10.30am	Mass	Francis and Bridget Robinson
		3.00pm	Service of Healing	
Monday	22 nd	No Mass		
Tuesday	23 rd	9.30am	Mass	John Baptist Robertson, RIP (Foundation)
Wednesday	24 th	9.30am	Mass	Flora Matthews

ST BEDE THE VENERABLE, Religious

Thursday	25 th	9.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
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ST PHILIP NERI, Priest, Founder

Friday	26 th	11.00am	Exposition	
		12.10pm	Mass	Canon Anthony Whale, RIP

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bishop

Saturday	27 th	10.00am	Mass	Christopher Curtis, RIP
		10.45am	Confessions	FHC - First Confessions - Children

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Saturday	27 th	6.00pm	Mass	Venris Dowdie, RIP
Sunday	28 th	8.30am	Mass	Mrs Salisbury, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Ancheree Gontier



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, 1st Saturday of the month 9.30am Pro-Life Rosary and Confessions every Saturday at 10.45am or by prior appointment.

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PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW CHURCH

DID YOU KNOW...?



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



PARISH VACANCY - A vacancy has arisen for an experienced hygiene technician in our parish. Developments in pastoral care and outreach in the parish now mean that all parts of our site - church, hall, offices, meeting rooms and adjoining toilet facilities, are used every day of the week.

The successful applicant(s) will be employee(s) of the Diocese of Portsmouth. The post is for one or maybe two people to share, working from 7.00 am until 9.30 am from Monday to Saturday. This will ensure that we are ready to receive all guests into an excellent and professionally managed environment.

In keeping with current practice, the successful applicant(s) will need to be checked by the disclosure and barring service and receive the appropriate safeguarding, health and safety training.

If you are interested in this position and would like further information, please contact Liz in the parish office to request an application form. You will be expected to provide two references from other recent employers and have an excellent work record.

SECOND OFFERING THIS WEEKEND – For Catholic Communications Network.



CAN YOU HELP? Parishioners in Priestwood and Great Hollands need lifts to 10.30am Sunday Mass. Please contact the parish office if you can offer someone a kind act of a lift to Mass.



DIOCESAN APP - Please feel free to download for yourself (from your usual Apple and Google stores: it's free) our new Diocesan App app@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk The App is obviously in its initial stage at the moment and many new features will be added over the coming weeks and months.

Sainsbury's

SAINSBURY'S FOOD DONATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM: For our Night Shelter over the last couple of years, we have been blessed with donations from Sainsbury's to support our parish work providing good meals and a safe place to sleep for the homeless during the coldest winter months of the year, through collaboration with our fellow churches in Bracknell. Now, we are officially a **Sainsbury's Food Donation Partner** for the front of store in Princess Square. We will now receive these donations all year round to help those in need, not only in the Night Shelter but also those individuals and families supported by the SVP and the Bracknell Life House, including any others in our community that need our love and support. We would like to get a team together to help with collecting the goods donated. If you'd like to help in any way, please contact Liz in the Parish Office.

IMPORTANT PRO-LIFE PETITION: <http://www.citizengo.org/en-gb/lf/46682-stop-abortion-centre-bpas-forcing-govt-cut-practical-support-mothers-unplanned-pregnancy> about LIFE's grant for helping pregnant homeless women and their babies, which is threatened by pro-abortionists. Please sign, and write to our M.P. Dr. Phillip Lee, M.P. House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA or e-mail leepa@parliament.uk



PARISH CENSUS - A reminder to complete the parish census either online on our parish website at www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/parish-census-form.html or using a paper copy which can be found in the porch. Please return paper copies in an envelope to the parish office. There is also a "Parish Database Census Information" sheet to help you and answer some typical queries.

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.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE - Monday 22 May 2017 at 58 Qualitas, Bracknell

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

TODDLER GROUP – Every Tuesday, 9.30am-11.30am in the hall during term time.

YOUTH GROUP – Every Friday, 7.00pm – 9.00pm in the Hall during term time.

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

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

SOUP & ROLL – Every Friday after Mass during term time.

No Soup and Roll on Friday 2 June 2017.

LAST WEEK'S MASS OFFERINGS – THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS: Total amount £1,902.94. Please make cheques payable to "PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph". Gift Aid envelopes and standing order forms available in the porch.

**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, Johanna Lenz, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, Jadwiga Butcher, June Cooper, Lilijan Rodenburg, Josephine & Maurice Timms, Andrea Brown, Robert Mulcahy, Mary Carpenter, Mary King,

Those who are unwell or in hospital:

Una Mair, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Patricia Holmwood, Fr Vincent Convery, Teresa Bullock, Maria Bishop, Peggy Pendergast, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Serafina Delmundo, Ann Newton, Bridie Maughan, Tom Corridan, Allan James, Nicholas Powell, Peggy O'Sullivan, Caroline Nirmalan, Kathleen Brosnan, Jackie Shaw, Tom Larkin, Blanche Shap, Thelma Briggs, Emma Flavelle. John Richardson

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF: RUSSELL EVANS funeral will be at Easthampstead Park Cemetery & Crematorium on **Wednesday 24 May 2017** at 2.15pm, a Memorial Mass will be on **Saturday 15 July 2017** at 10.00am.

HONORA (NORA) CRONIN whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday 31 May 2017** at 11.45am at St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church.

WILLIAM (BILL) GUILFOYLE whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Friday 2 June 2017** at 11.30am at St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET - There will be no Chaplet at St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church for May or June. The next Chaplet will be on Sunday 16 July at 2.30pm.



BRACKNELL FAITH and BELIEF FORUM'S AGM -

Wednesday 6th June 2017 2pm -

3.30pm at Easthampstead Baptist Church, South Hill Road, Bracknell RG12 7NS Everyone is welcome.



ST MARGARET CLITHEROW AROUND THE WORLD SUMMER FAYRE -

Saturday 10 June from 12.30-

3.00pm. We look forward to welcoming

you on the day!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Thank you for your patience whilst we reorganised Children's Liturgy in light of safeguarding and health & safety requirements. We are hoping to resume Children's Liturgy on the weekend of **10/11 June 2017**. All adults and children wishing to attend will have to complete an Annual Family Membership form online via our parish website. Leaflets will be handed out after Mass describing the process for registration and the way in which Children's Liturgy will operate in future. We are also always in need of new helpers - please contact the parish office if you are interested and if you can, come along to a meeting of all Children's Liturgy volunteers on Wednesday 24 May 2017 at 7.30pm in the parish hall.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR - MAY -

25th St Bede the Venerable; 26th St Philip Neri; 27th St Augustine of Canterbury; 28th The Ascension of the Lord; 31st The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



CHOPPED FOR CHARITY - Friday 16 June

2017 Anabel Gosling, a St Margaret Clitherow school pupil, will have her lovely long blonde hair chopped off for charity. She is fundraising for a charity called **Little Princess Trust** who make real hair wigs for children with cancer or other

illnesses where their treatment causes them to lose their own hair, see <http://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>. Her hair will be made into a wig for children and all money raised will go towards the making of wigs. She's really determined to do something good to help those less fortunate than herself and this was her choice. The deed is being done at on. 4.30pm



SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS

- Please contact the Parish Office if you are celebrating a

25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years and you wish to attend the Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX on **Saturday 24 June 2017** at 11am. You can also

email: anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



MEDITATION AND TALK WITH BROTHER MARTIN SAHAJANANDA - Tuesday 20 June 2017,

7.00pm to 9.30pm for Meditation in the parish hall. Talk and Discussion, Prayer and Praise. Brother Martin Sahajananda one of the leading exponents of what is now called 'wisdom Christianity'. He was a friend and disciple of the late Bede Griffiths OSB and lives at Shantivanam Ashram in India. This will help us explore the teachings of Jesus from the perspective of Indian spirituality, particularly spiritual classic known as the Upanishads. Br Martin has been a Camaldolese Benedictine Monk for over 25 years and passionate to engage with people seeking the open, universal and inclusive meaning of the gospels.



CAFOD GOLF DAY - Friday 7 July 2017 12.30pm

at Dummer Golf Course, Dummer Village, Basingstoke RG25 2AD. A relaxing day of Golf organised by the Catenian Association in aid of

CAFOD's work overseas on, more information and an application form please contact Dave McKenna on 07931 564064 or e mail dave.rose.mckenna@gmail.com



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES -

We hope to take a group from our parish to join the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from **Friday 18th - Friday 25th August 2017** and is led by Bishop Philip. For information contact the parish office or

visit <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/>