

THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE
THE YEAR OF THE RELENTLESS WIDOW
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C
WHAT WILL MY LEGACY LOOK LIKE?

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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.

St. John's Gospel begins with a revelation that we are loved beyond our wildest expectations. Now, in today's Gospel he tells us that loving Jesus in return is the only thing needed to receive and understand what He chooses to reveal. Those who love Him open their hearts, and all of their lives, to another kind of loving - a Sacred Love. This love brings strength instead of power. The Strength that will be needed to walk the pathways of Sacred Love in time.

As Jesus prepares His disciples for His death and departure, He speaks directly to their breaking hearts. There is a secret hidden in the heart of every death. Wherever there is loss there will be a gain! Even more, The Holy Spirit will take up residence in the heart of every disciple and help them to remember and make this teaching their own. You might want to pause here to consider the beauty of this reveal.

Like every person who knows they are dying, Jesus wants to leave gifts for those who love Him. But there is no financial legacy in His will. Instead He bequeaths the spiritual/mental enhancement that the revelation of His dying makes possible. And so, it is Peace that He wants to leave them. But not just any old peace. He calls it MY Peace. This is very different from the absence of stress, distress and fear. As Saint Paul wrote in his amazing letter to the Church in Rome, it is nothing less than the conviction that nothing can separate us from the Love which is our life. The non-abandoning presence of God is everywhere. On Calvary, the place of total loss, this Sacred Love is revealed as a protecting nearness which will not permit the final destruction of the Beloved.

Your life is nothing more than a love story. Between you and God. Every person, every experience, every gift, every loss, every pain is sent on your path, for one reason and one reason only: To bring you back to Him.

Someone once said, "Where there's a will, there's a war". Few of us have not witnessed, or heard stories of the trouble caused by the cash inheritance. Inherited money can be dangerous. What was intended to help can cause hurt and division. Perhaps this is why in St. Luke's Gospel (Lk 12:13-14) Jesus refuses to divide a man from his brother over money. This same theme is repeated again in St. John's Gospel, where relationships are valued and cherished above all else. This is why Jesus' bequest to His disciples is something that will not hurt them or tear them apart. He leaves another gift - one that will be an active energy in keeping them in community. He leaves Peace, the only gift which can guarantee them a future. Peace does not divide people but restores them to one another.

If someone has left us the gift of money in their will, we might choose to spend it. Jesus has left us the gift of Peace. This gift cannot be spent. We can only remember it and act on it. Jesus is very clear that the gift of the Holy Spirit is given so that we will not forget, but perhaps even more to teach us the ways of Peace. We remember and we learn.

I heard a great story once of a man who left his family home in Ireland. He was not the eldest brother and the farm would never be his. So, he went to America to seek his fortune. He worked hard to make a comfortable life for his wife and three children. He wrote to his brother every month 'with no news from this end' but always sent a cheque to help his family. His brother Michael wrote back every month 'with no news from his end' but never mentioned the cheque. When Tom reached the age of sixty-five a yearning to visit his home grew stronger in him. He decided to go and take his granddaughter with him. When he arrived back at the family home, there was tension in the air. His brother expected a rich 'yank' and he expected to meet a wealthy landowner. In each case, it wasn't true!

As the evening unfolded the two brothers found themselves alone in front of the big fire. Michael went to the cupboard and pulled out a beautiful homemade crusty loaf. Tom found his duty-free bag and produced a good Irish whiskey. When his granddaughter woke in the morning, she found crumbs on the table and a half empty whiskey bottle. But of Tom and Mick she saw nothing. She went to the bank door as the sun climbed into the sky and in the field, she saw them both, having a smoke and inspecting the earth the way a parent checks a new-born. They had stayed up all night. When they saw her, they waved and walked stride by stride together back to the house. As she waited, she knew that although she had not yet had to stay up all night to beat back the darkness with her love, when the time came, she would be able to do it. She shouted to them, "Wow, you made it all the way to morning!"

Peace. Is St. John right to say it is the only inheritance if any real value?

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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED – The parish office will be closed May Bank Holiday: Monday 27 May 2019



PASTORAL CARE CONTACT MOBILE NUMBER - We can provide home visits by Care team members for whatever reason. It could be in the case of illness, to see a friendly face or just for a chat. To request a visit email pastoralcare@bracknellcatholicchurch.org or ring **07394 440 938**



LITURGICAL CALENDAR – MAY: 27th St Augustine of Canterbury; 30th The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation); 31st The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

JUNE – 1st St Justin; 3rd St Charles Lwange & Companions; 5th St Boniface; 10th The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; 11th St Barnabas; 13th Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest; 21st St Aloysius Gonzaga; 22nd Ss John Fisher & Thomas Moore; 24th The Nativity of St John the Baptist; 28th The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus; 29th The Immaculate Heart of Mary.

MASS OFFERINGS: £1838.68

SECOND OFFERINGS – JUNE: 1st/2nd Catholic Communications Network; 15th/16th Day for Life; 29th/30th Peter's Pence

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY

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.

THE SHOP WILL BE OPEN EVERY SECOND SATURDAY EACH MONTH 5.30pm - 7.00pm AND EVERY SUNDAY 9.30am – 10.30am

**THANK
YOU**
SO VERY MUCH

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 in the hall during term time.

KEEP FIT – Every Tuesday 2pm-3pm in the hall

PRAYER GROUPS – Hall Evening : 1st/3rd Tuesdays 7.45pm to 9.30pm. Day: 1st/3rd 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

JOURNEY IN FATH – Every Thursday 7.30pm-9.00pm in the hall, last session Thursday 6 June 2019.

OFS – Saturday 8 June 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 at <https://www.csberks.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

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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, 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, Jerry Tobin, Rico Morales, Reynalita Leysan, Marie Fielding, Marie Hughes, Jenny Bashford, Phyllis D'Souza, Donal Hanley, Jacqui Rawstron, Jim and Francis McEvoy, Mary Murray, Jane Rodrigues Thelma Briggs, Margaret Pearce, Bessie Smith, Brenda Hook.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING.....

PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP PHILIP – “Verbum Dei” will be read at all Masses this weekend.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR PARISH - We need volunteers to become involved in the life of our Parish by joining some of our ministries, groups and activities, especially brass cleaning, Welcoming, Sacristans, Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word, after Mass Tea & Coffee Teams, First Aiders and Fire Marshalls for 6.00pm Mass. The commitment should be monthly if we have enough volunteers. Please contact the parish office only to volunteer or to discuss any of these important ministries.

“Serve the Lord with Gladness”



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION This year the children will be receiving First Holy Communion at all weekend Masses (including Saturday morning Mass) from **Saturday 18 May 2019** onwards. They will be with their families in small groups to celebrate receiving this beautiful Sacrament. Please pray for them and their families.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday 30 May 2019

Mass times: 12.00 noon and 7.30pm



JOINT YOUTH GROUP SOCIAL EVENT - ABLAZE! (age +13) and IGNITE! (age 10-12)

Friday 7 June – Outdoor Adventure Raft Building
For details, please contact the Youth Ministry Team

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



VOCATION SEEKING EVENING – Is the Holy Spirit prompting you to consider a new trajectory? The Diocesan Vocation Seeker Group meets monthly on the first Friday for food, prayer, reflection and friendship starting **Friday 7 June**, 7pm-9pm at Sacred Heart Church, 41-43 Portland Street, Fareham, PO16 0NF or contact Fr John Cooke, vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



CATHOLIC VOICES – Is an organisation which seeks to inform people about issues currently affecting the Church and also equipping them to explain the Church's teaching in discussion. This season of presentations will begin with a 'Workshop Day' on 'How to defend the Faith without raising your voice', on **Saturday 8 June** at the Immaculate Conception Church, Yorktown Road, Sandhurst GU47 9BS from 11.00am to 3.00pm. After that the programme will be a series of talks from 7.30-8.30pm on the following evenings:

Monday 10 June – Never again: The legacy of clerical sexual abuse

Tuesday 18 June – Freedom and Equality: partners, not rivals

Wednesday 26 June – The Church on the Frontier: populations and the migrant crisis

Thursday 4 July – Lights at the end of the road: resisting assisted suicide



THE TIME IS NOW!

“The earth, our home is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth” Pope Francis. In his encyclical *Laudato Si'* Care for our Common Home Pope Francis urges us to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and to take action. Climate Change is the biggest threat to our planet, and we are calling on everyone to tell their MPs that the time to act is NOW! Please join us on **Wednesday 26th June** for the **Time is Now** Lobby of Parliament. For more information and to sign up go to <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/Climate-lobby>



SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES 2019 - Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or Anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 6th July 2019**. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.

If you would like to come, please send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, or contact the Parish Secretary at St Bede's on 01256 465214.

TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

Saturday	25 th	6.00pm	Mass	Molly and Christy Campbell, RIP
Sunday	26 th	8.30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
		10.30am	Mass	Sofia Umpad Quiseo, RIP
Monday	27 th	No Mass		
Tuesday	28 th	No Mass		
Wednesday	29 th	9.30am	Mass	Joan Byrne, RIP

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, Solemnity – Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday	30 th	12.00noon	Mass	
		7.30pm	Mass	

THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Feast

Friday	31 st	11.00am	Exposition	
		12.10pm	Mass	Anointing of the Sick

ST JUSTIN, Martyr

Saturday	1 st	10.00am	Mass	
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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

Saturday	1 st	6.00pm	Mass	Jurgens Family Living & Deceased (Foundation)
Sunday	2 nd	8.30am	Mass	Noreen Henry, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Marilyn Singson

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**Wednesday & Thursday: 9.10am Morning Prayer, except when Requiem Mass is celebrated**  
**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.**

**Parish Office: 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 1BE**  
**Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9.30am-2.30pm**

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**Please make cheques payable to (full name): "PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph"**

**Parish Priest: Fr Daniel McAvoy**

**Deacon: Rev Aidan Lynch**

**Parish Secretary: Elizabeth Fisher**

**Pastoral Assistant (Director of Evangelisation): Mary McNab**

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

**Safeguarding email: [safeguarding@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:safeguarding@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)**

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