

**THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE**  
**THE YEAR OF THE RELENTLESS WIDOW**  
**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - YEAR C**  
**TRANSCENDENCE, GRATITUDE AND SACRIFICE**

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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 'Twelve' have just returned from preaching, teaching and healing and are celebrating what Jesus has given to them. Looking forward to some R and R (rest and recuperation) they are advanced upon by a new crowd. Notice how Jesus welcomes them! What looks like an interruption becomes a moment of grace, and Jesus will use the events to teach a very important lesson to the 'Twelve'.



As night falls in the 'desert place' the leadership see a problem and want to get rid of it by sending the crowds away. The ones Jesus has welcomed, His apostles want to dismiss and make them take care of themselves. But this desire does not reflect the values Jesus wants to teach. In His Kingdom, people take care of each other. They don't push people away when they are inconvenient. The future leaders of the Church must learn this lesson and pass it on. Jesus challenges them to take care of the people who are gathered but they object that they don't have enough resources. Five loaves and two fish are set against a backdrop of 5000 mouths. The twelve do the maths and decide it can't work. But Jesus takes a very, very different approach. He seats his guests, He accepts the five and the two and He looks to heaven, to the source of every blessing, to the One who provides. He blesses what He has and gives thanks for it. He breaks it and shares it. The bread and fish move towards the 5000 in the hands of the Twelve. The people eat and have their fill and there is a basket of food; one for each of the Twelve who did not know what they had.

The Parable is clear. It is very human to notice what we do not have. This is especially true when times are dark and friends are few. It is almost impossible for us to decide that there is enough to meet the need of everyone. So we push those in need down the road, telling them that they will have to take care of themselves. Jesus, on the other hand, invites us to gather and to give thanks for what we have. To view our resources as a gift and not as an inadequacy. Gifts fall under the spiritual law which goes, 'Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give. And when we do this, we are blessed by the second spiritual law which says if we try to hold on to what we have, we lose it, but if we lose it for the sake of the Kingdom of God, we will find it. Those who receive the gifts in our hands will be satisfied and there will be gifts in return for the givers.

As you go through your life this week, try to take a good look at the people around you. It is amazing to watch our sisters and brothers return again and again to the challenges of life, companionship and work. It seems to be written in our DNA that we are at our best, and our happiest, when we find people and places to give ourselves to. Watch people break their bodies and pour out their blood in the pursuit of love and truth. In Sacred language they are engaged in the work of sacrifice and sacrifice is about making life holy by giving something back.

The Catholic community, in its Eucharistic joy, has been promoting this approach for centuries. And when the narratives of the suppers of Jesus, and especially the last Supper are reflected on with depth we see something truly beautiful. Jesus injunction to 'Do this in memory of me', is an invitation to imitate Him and to follow His Wisdom.

Jesus takes bread in His Sacred Hands. He identifies this bread with his embodied life. The very fact that He takes it is His hands should not be lost to us. He is much more than He seems. His transcendent self is ready for action and so must ours. This understanding allows us to return again and again to this place not as a random act but as who we really are.

Once Jesus has gathered His life in His hands, He gives thanks for it. It is a gift! It is a gift given by God, moment by moment, breath by breath, just like ours. Holding fast to this truth will increase our gratitude and gratitude will fill us up from the inside. Filled within, we flow without. The life freely given and received becomes the life we seek to freely give away - to break the bread and pour out the blood.

As we ponder the Eucharistic gestures of Jesus, we can become better at sacrificing! The teaching is clear. Transcendence, Gratitude and Sacrificing must be held together for full living. If we focus only on the transcendent, we run the risk of spiritual snobbery or that we are never really in the life we are living. If we only have gratitude, we risk becoming selfish and self-absorbed. We do not realise that as we are counting our blessings, we are separating ourselves from the communion of love. If we try to sacrifice without grateful hearts, we run the risk of becoming resentful. We pour ourselves out and find we are running on empty, so we short circuit the process and stop giving ourselves away.

So, whatever life sets before us in the days to come, remember to consult the One who knows how to break His body and pour out His blood.

## 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](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**PASTORAL CARE/BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT CONTACT MOBILE NUMBER** - Our Pastoral Care team, includes members of the Bereavement Support Group, offers support and home visits to the sick, the housebound, the lonely and the bereaved. We also visit you at home with Holy Communion if required. If you or 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](mailto: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.

**WANTED: WARDROBE FOR A FAMILY IN NEED** If you can help please contact the SVP on 07731862349

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



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR – JUNE** – 24<sup>th</sup> The Nativity of St John the Baptist; 28<sup>th</sup> The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus; 29<sup>th</sup> The Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**JULY:** 3<sup>rd</sup> St Thomas; 11<sup>th</sup> St Benedict; 15<sup>th</sup> St Swithun; 17<sup>th</sup> St Bonaventure; 22<sup>nd</sup> St Mary Magdalene; 23<sup>rd</sup> St Bridget of Sweden; 29<sup>th</sup> St James; 26<sup>th</sup> Ss Joachim & Anne; 29<sup>th</sup> St Martha; 31<sup>st</sup> St Ignatius of Loyola.

**MASS OFFERINGS: £1731.32 SECOND OFFERING: £413.51 Day for Life**

**SECOND OFFERINGS – JUNE: 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> Peter's Pence.**

**JULY: 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Verona Fathers Mission Appeal; 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Apostleship of the Sea**

**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.

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT BT MYDONATE WILL CLOSE ON SUNDAY 30 JUNE 2019**

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**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 to 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 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 20 July 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.cslberks.org.uk>**



### 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, 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.....



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

**PIUS BABALOLA, RIP** whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow Church on **Friday 26 July 2019 at 12.30pm**, followed by a Service at 2.30pm at Easthampstead Park Cemetery. Please pray for Pius and all his family.

*May their souls 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 12noon the day before a Requiem Mass at the Church, the rest of the car park is available. This is to enable the funeral gate to be closed to secure the area for the hearse and family mourners' car to turn and park at the church for the Requiem Mass. Thank you.



**CAR PARK SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL –** The 2019-2020 car park subscription forms are now available in the porch for parishioner renewals and new subscriptions. The new subscription period will be from **Monday 1 July 2019** until **Tuesday 30 June 2020**. Please complete the form and return it to the parish office along with your payment, cash or cheque only. The subscription forms will NOT be emailed to existing subscribers. The new windscreen sticker will be orange this year, please be aware that you can be challenged if you park in the car park without displaying a valid sticker. In accordance with new GDPR guidelines all 2018 subscription forms will be shredded.



**FR DANNY'S VACATION –** Fr Danny will be taking well-earned vacation for one week commencing **Monday 1 July** until **Tuesday 9 July** inclusive.



**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.

Urgent help needed for servicing the pews packs after the 6.00pm & 10.30pm weekend Masses, please contact the parish office if you wish to volunteer to help repack and restock the pew packs for our young parishioners



**ABLAZE! (age +13)** - Next meeting - **Friday, 28th June** in the Church Hall, 7pm - 9pm.

**JOINT YOUTH GROUP SOCIAL EVENT** - Outdoor Adventure Raft Building - Rescheduled to **Friday 5th July**

For further details contact: [youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:youth@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)

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)



**CATHOLIC VOICES** – An organisation seeking to inform people about issues affecting the Church and also helping them to explain the Church's teaching. 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:

**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



**CLOTHES BANK** - The next Clothes Bank Giveaway, held every quarter in St Joseph's Church Hall and coordinated by St Mark's Church Binfield, will be on **Wed 26th June**. The ClothesBank would appreciate donations of **new children's pyjamas, underwear and socks** and **good quality used clothes for children** of all ages and **children's trainers**, especially sizes 10 – 2. Please contact St Mark's Binfield direct to arrange drop off of donations. Help will be needed with sorting of clothes at St Mark's Binfield on **Mon 24th June**, from 9.30am and with setting up at St Joseph's on **Wed 26th June** from around 9.15am ready for the Giveaway to start at 10.15am, finishing at 1pm. If you would like to donate or volunteer on either of those days please contact Giselle on 07724 889169.

**PLEASE NOTE: If you and/or your family would benefit from help of this kind, please contact the parish office to receive a ClothesBank voucher.**



**SMC FESTIVAL ON THE FIELD** - Join us for our first ever Festival on the Field on **Saturday 29 June** at St. Margaret Clitherow School, 3pm-9pm. Music from 4pm – Band "Project 7", Red Tape Resistance, Platinum Floyd. Festival stalls, food, licensed bar, inflatables and entertainment. Tickets from school office or online <https://smc-festival-on-the-field.eventbrite.co.uk> or after 10:30am Mass on **9th of June**.



**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](mailto: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.



### GOLF DAY IN AID OF CAFOD 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY

The Catenians of Province 11 are organising a Golf Day to raise funds for CAFOD on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July** at Weybrook Golf Club in Basingstoke. After the golf there will be a dinner for golfers and their non-golfing partners which will include a speaker from CAFOD head Office. For more information please contact Pat Murphy on [pfm190654@outlook.com](mailto:pfm190654@outlook.com)



**PARISH PICNIC/BBQ – Sunday 14 July** from 12:00 o'clock. Reappearance of ROLY the magician, music by James Farrant. Volunteers required at 10.00am to set up and help during the event and clearing up after the event. Please contact Ed Carroll on [social@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:social@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)

## TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

### SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST – YEAR C

|           |                  |                |      |                                  |
|-----------|------------------|----------------|------|----------------------------------|
| Saturday  | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 6.00pm         | Mass | Anthony and Bridie Campbell, RIP |
| Sunday    | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass | Parish Intentions                |
|           |                  | 10.30am        | Mass | Stan and Mary Trevatt, RIP       |
| Monday    | 24 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                                  |
| Tuesday   | 25 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |      |                                  |
| Wednesday | 26 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass | Audrey Lam                       |
| Thursday  | 27 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Mass | Leonora and Abdon Arriba, RIP    |

### THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, Solemnity

|        |                  |         |            |                       |
|--------|------------------|---------|------------|-----------------------|
| Friday | 28 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Exposition |                       |
|        |                  | 12.10pm | Mass       | Anointing of the Sick |

### THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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| Saturday | 29 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am | Mass |  |
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### Ss PETER AND PAUL, Apostles, Solemnity – YEAR C

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|----------|------------------|---------|------|--------------------------|
| Saturday | 29 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Louise and Stuart Birley |
| Sunday   | 30 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Parish Intentions        |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass | Parish Youth Group       |

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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.*

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**Deacon:** Rev Aidan Lynch

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