

THE YEAR OF SAINT MARK
EATING WITH THE BRIDEGROOM
THE NATIVITY OF
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST— YEAR B

PASSING ON COURAGE

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Psalter Week 4



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Jesus' long day, teaching in the school of love, is over. The crowds have heard Him, but have they understood Him? It is one thing to hear everything explained, but it is another to 'get it', and integrate it into our life. Jesus gives personal tuition to those closest to Him. He invites His disciples to "cross over", and, as the story unfolds they will understand what He means.

The disciples do not hesitate to begin the crossing. They take Him in *their* boat, thinking *they* will be steering the ship. Also, they take Jesus "just as He was", a teacher, who sets out to catch people. "Just as He was", means He is still teaching and the lesson is how to let go of fear and fall into trust! The other boats, tell us that this is a teaching all disciples will have to hear, and make their own.

But, they cannot do it. They cannot make the crossing from fear to trust. The storm terrifies them and fills them with doubt. So, they awaken the Teacher. He seems not to notice the storm and asks them to look instead at themselves. They seem not to hear his question. They just keep puzzling over Him. We know this place so well. We are daily ambushed by physical and social dangers. It is so hard not to identify with what threatens us. This is our personal version of the 'wind and the waves'. When we are frightened we cannot make the Wisdom of Jesus our own.

But look at Jesus, asleep with His Head on a cushion! A picture of peace in the heart of the storm. The windswept disciples ask Him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" The danger makes them wonder if all this talk about the Fathers love is just talk. Danger makes them uncertain of His Love. The storm has split them in two. And so the awakened Teacher shows them how to cross over. He rebukes the power of fear. He commands silence and Peace into the air His disciples breath. Does God care? His answer is a resounding YES! But this truth cannot unfold in the doubting mind. The Teacher directs them to this task. "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith? (v.40)

But now a new fear grips them. They are filled with 'awe'. The literal Greek text says, 'they feared a great fear'. But even awe can work against faith. It pushes disciples to talk about Jesus and his abilities. What Jesus wanted was for them to talk about how their fear evicted their faith. When Jesus the Teacher cannot be received, Jesus the Saviour is born! And that is the nub of the dilemma. It is much easier to worship Jesus than to follow Him. We have to make His Wisdom our own. As Evelyn Underhill admitted, "It is far easier, though not very easy, to develop and preserve a spiritual outlook on life, than it is to make our everyday actions harmonise with that spiritual outlook." (The Spiritual Life, p,60)

Fear and Faith are big code words in Saint Mark's Gospel. They are the constant and daily challenge to everyone who wants to walk with Jesus and cross over to the other side. In the four Gospels, the disciples do not seem to be able to move into a deeper trust. It is written that they even fled 'in fear and amazement' from the empty tomb! But here's the thing. I believe it is impossible to walk with Jesus and not be afraid. And this argues for a daily commitment to find what He had found. The love that is stronger than death. The love that does not fail. The love that has no end. The love that loves to breaking point.

*"My friend isn't back from the battlefield, sir. Request permission to go out and get him".*

*"Permission refused," said the officer. "I don't want you to risk your life for a man who is probably dead."*

*The soldier went, all the same, and, an hour later, came back mortally wounded, carrying the corpse of his friend.*

*The officer was furious. "I told you he was dead. Now I've lost both of you. Tell me, was it worth going out there to bring in a corpse?"*

*The dying man replied, "Oh, it was sir. When I got to him, he was still alive. And he said to me, 'Jack, I was sure you'd come.'"*

# DID YOU KNOW...?



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Midday on Tuesdays**, please email any items to [stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**PARISH OFFICE** – Liz is currently on leave; therefore, the office will operate on a reduced service Tuesdays to Fridays and closed on Mondays during this time.



**MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING** – On the last **Friday** of the month, Anointing of the Sick will be part of the 12.10pm Mass, except **Friday 29 June 2018** Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul, Holy Day of Obligation. All are welcome, especially those sick or suffering in any way. If you would like a lift to this Mass, please contact the parish office.



**SIGNING OF FORMS** – If you have a form that needs the certification and signature of a Parish Priest, ie, school forms, etc., please place your form in an envelope marked “Parish Office, Form for Signature” with a note of your phone number and post through the letterbox of the Presbytery Door. We will call you for collection when the form is ready. You do not need to have an appointment with Fr Danny.



**BOOKING PARISH HALL AND PARISH ROOMS** – If you wish to use the church hall or parish rooms bookings must be made with the Parish Office at least 6-8 weeks before requested date. Please note the regular events below before booking.

**PEW PACKS** – We are still missing 7 Pew Packs. If you have taken one home accidentally, please return it as all the Pew Packs need to be available for all the weekend Masses. Thank you.



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR - JUNE** – 1<sup>st</sup> St Justin; 11<sup>th</sup> St Barnabas; 13<sup>th</sup> St Anthony of Padua; 21<sup>st</sup> St Aloysius Gonzaga; 22<sup>nd</sup> Ss John Fisher & Thomas Moore; 28<sup>th</sup> St Irenaeus; 29<sup>th</sup> Ss Peter & Paul **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**.

**GOSPEL CHALLENGE** – Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays 7.45pm to 9.30pm in the Church Hall.

**TODDLER GROUP** – Every Tuesday 9.30am to 11.30am in the hall during term time.

**KEEP FIT** – Every Tuesday 2.00pm – 3.00pm in the hall.

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

**ALPHA** – Every Thursday in the Hall, 7.30pm – 9.00pm from Thursday 7 June 2018 to Thursday 20 September 2018. No Alpha during August.

**SOUP & ROLL** – Every Friday after Mass during term time in the hall.

**FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY** - Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 2pm in the Hall.



**MASS OFFERINGS: 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.**

**SECOND OFFERING - 30<sup>th</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> July – Peter's Pence**

**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.**

Eileen Ing, Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Johanna Lenz, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, Jadwiga Butcher, Lilijan Rodenburg, Robert Mulcahy, Eddie Moore, Peggy Pendergast, Ann Newton, Bridie Maughan, Angelina Ediale, Josephine Timms, Una Gilligan, Freda Edgington, Anne Hardy, Patricia Holmwood, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Blanche Shap, Mike Garnham, Ethna Sweeney, Mary Carpenter, Mary King, Anna Tighe, Mary Phelan, Mary Sol Faulkner, Tony Andrews, Derek Alexander, Brenda Lynch, Margaret Clark, Shaun Howard, Denise Rinzivillo, Sally Tarode, Babs White, Tess Johnson, Dorcas Innes-Grant, Veronika Jastrzebski,.

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**Parish Priest: Fr Daniel McAvoy**

**Parish Secretary (Director of Administration): Elizabeth Fisher**

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

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**PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH and ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW CHURCH**

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



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert (Bob) Doyle whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated by Canon Peter Wilkie on Monday 2 July 2018 at 12pm here in St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Allen whose Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday 3 July 2018 at 11:15am at Easthampstead Park Crematorium.

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



Holy Day of Obligation

### ST PETER AND ST PAUL – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – Friday 29 June 2018.

Masses will be at 12.10pm, with Exposition at 11.00am and 7.30pm.

**CAR PARK SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL** – The 2018/2019 car park subscription forms will be available in the porch from **Friday 1 June 2018** for renewals and new subscriptions. The new subscription period will be from **Sunday 1 July 2018** until **Sunday 30 June 2019**. The subscription forms will NOT be emailed to existing subscribers. In accordance with new GDPR guidelines all 2017 subscription forms will be shredded.

**ClothesBank** 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 **Wednesday 27 June 2018**. The ClothesBank would appreciate donations of good quality used clothes for adults (men and women) and children of all ages and children's trainers, especially sizes 10 – 2. Some clothes cannot be passed on though: pyjamas, underwear and socks, for example, need to be new. Please leave your donations in the ClothesBank container that will be in the porch at St Joseph's Church at all weekend Masses, 23rd/24th June, but please not before that weekend. Help will be needed with sorting of clothes at St Mark's Binfield on **Monday 25 June**, from 9.30am and with setting up at St Joseph's on **Wednesday 27 June** at around 9.15am ready for the Giveaway to start at 10.15am finishing at 1pm. Also, if you and your family would benefit from help of this kind please contact the parish office. Thank you.



**Alpha** resumes on Thursday 28 June in the parish hall from 7:30pm-9pm. There is still time to sign up! Register on our website or speak to Mary McNab if you're interested in finding out more. [www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/alpha-2018.html](http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/alpha-2018.html)

**Bereavement Support Workshop – Sat 7 July.** A workshop that looks at the process of helping people going through dying and bereavement. It will be held at Milner Hall, Winchester from 10am - 12.30pm. Please book a free place by contacting Philippa Foster on [pfoster@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pfoster@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



For all those who have newly become adult church volunteers, you are required to attend Safeguarding training before you can fully undertake your role. There is training on: **Saturday 7th July 2018 Vulnerable Adults Training – 10.00am – 12.30pm St Joseph's, 36 Cookham Road, Maidenhead SL6 7EG** (Trainer – Jo Hopkins) Please contact Soraya Ciccarone to book your place: Email: [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or Tel: 023 92 836511.



**St. Margaret Clitherow School World Cup Summer Fayre** – Saturday 30 June 2018 from 12:30pm-3pm. Kids go free. Adults £1 entry. Lots to see and do including face painting, hair braiding, penalty shoot out, music, BBQ, Pimms & Strawberries and lots more! Everyone is welcome. Come and join us for a fun afternoon!



In Baptism, we are all given to God. In Confirmation we begin His work. Are you ready? If you are in Year 9 or above and are interested in joining the Confirmation Journey, please register via the parish website: [www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/confirmation2019.html](http://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/confirmation2019.html)



**SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS** - Bishop Philip you are invited to a celebration Mass at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on **Saturday 30 June 2018**. A wonderful occasion to celebrate. Please visit the Cathedral website <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries> or email to [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**Share the Journey**  
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**CAFOD** - This year, the Holy Father urges us to reach out to our brothers and sisters who are forced to flee their homes. This new campaign is called **Share the Journey**. You can **Share the Journey** by joining a walk. This is not just any walk, this is a walk around the world. Schools, parishes, and local communities across England and Wales will be walking to show solidarity with people on the move. Together, we are aiming for 24,900 miles – the distance around the whole world. **CAFOD** will use this shared journey to deliver a powerful message to world leaders, who meet in September 2018 to agree two global agreements on refugees and migration. For more information on organizing your own parish walk or to find out about a walk in your area please contact Jo Lewry [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or call 01252 329385.

### SOUTH BERKSHIRE PASTORAL AREA



**Co-ordinating Pastor: Fr Danny McAvooy**, St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow Church, Bracknell, 01344 425729;  
**Fr Kevin Bidgood**, St Francis of Assisi, Ascot 01344 620591;  
**Fr Marcus Brisley** Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst & Holy Ghost, Crowthorne, 01252 876820;  
**Fr David O'Sullivan**, Corpus Christi, Wokingham 0118 9780348

## TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

### *THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST – YEAR B (Missal Page 167)*

|           |                  |                |                   |                                                 |
|-----------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday  | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 6.00pm         | Mass              | Sidney and Mary Egan, RIP                       |
| Sunday    | 24 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am         | Mass              | Parish Intentions                               |
|           |                  | 10.30am        | Mass              | Thanksgiving to Parish Friends – Shona Paterson |
| Monday    | 25 <sup>th</sup> | <b>No Mass</b> |                   |                                                 |
| Tuesday   | 26 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Communion Service |                                                 |
| Wednesday | 27 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Communion Service |                                                 |
| Thursday  | 28 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am         | Communion Service |                                                 |

### *Ss PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION*

|          |                  |         |            |                        |
|----------|------------------|---------|------------|------------------------|
| Friday   | 29 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Exposition |                        |
|          |                  | 12.10pm | Mass       | New Evangelisation     |
|          |                  | 7.30pm  | Mass       | Discipleship           |
| Saturday | 30 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am | Mass       | Rose, Kit and Nula RIP |

### *THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B (Missal Page 100)*

|          |                  |         |                               |                        |
|----------|------------------|---------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Saturday | 30 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass                          | Pat & Nan Campbell RIP |
| Sunday   | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 8.30am  | Mass                          | Brian Stapley RIP      |
|          |                  | 10.30am | Mass                          | Parish Intentions      |
| Monday   | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 11.15am | Requiem Mass Robert Doyle RIP |                        |

### *ST THOMAS, APOSTLE*

|           |                 |         |            |                                       |
|-----------|-----------------|---------|------------|---------------------------------------|
| Tuesday   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 9.30am  | Mass       |                                       |
| Wednesday | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | Mass       |                                       |
| Thursday  | 5 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | Mass       |                                       |
| Friday    | 6 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Exposition |                                       |
|           |                 | 12.10pm | Mass       | Leondra Arriba & Antonia Lisondra RIP |
| Saturday  | 7 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am | Mass       | Pro-Life                              |

### *FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B (Missal Page 103)*

|          |                 |         |      |                           |
|----------|-----------------|---------|------|---------------------------|
| Saturday | 8 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00pm  | Mass | Parish Intentions         |
| Sunday   | 9 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass | Roger Bernard Fegredo RIP |
|          |                 | 10.30am | Mass | Roger Fegredo RIP         |



*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, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 9.30am Pro-Life Rosary. Confessions: every Saturday at 10.45am or prior appointment.*