

THE YEAR OF MATTHEW
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN
ST PETER and ST PAUL, YEAR A
THE GIFT OF OUR NAME
SUNDAY 28 JUNE 2020

I always ask people who are celebrating their birthday, if they can hear the Song the Angels Sang on the day that they were born!

After that, we are given the Gift of our Name. I always make something of this in the Celebration of Baptism. I explore that reason a name has been chosen and it's meaning for the little one. Everybody's name means something. Mary (Myriam) has its roots in rebellion and means, 'the one who changes everything'. Peter means Rock and Paul means Small. Having a name means that I am somebody, worthy of tenderness and respect. But knowing someone's name doesn't mean we know them.



It is often recorded that the first disciples of Jesus betrayed him in the end. This can sometimes be used as a 'get out clause' for our own failures. Certainly, they are encouraging. But it is also true that all of them laid down their lives for him in the end. This is inspiring.

Notice how, in their moment of Grace, when they meet Him for the first time, Jesus gives them a new name.

We mirror this in the Celebration of Confirmation, when our young people will have a new name from The Lord! The Psalmist puts it like this,

*And you shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of The Lord
A Royal Diadem in the Hand of your God
And you shall be called by a new Name which the mouth of The Lord will Give.*

Recently, a man heard The Lord call Him by a new name. It was Francis, and he has changed the face of the earth. As we give thanks to God for the keystone lives and work of Peter and Paul, might we ask how our own name gives us a great clue to our own Vocation.

And as for the first line of this reflection, keep listening and then sing along!



WAYS TO MAKE AN OFFERING TO OUR PARISH

Direct Bank Transfer

The easiest way to make your Offering is by making a direct transfer into our account via a Standing Order or Direct Debit, also complete a Gift Aid form. The Standing Order, Direct Debit and Gift Aid forms are on our website in the "Planned Giving" section and a copy of each form attached to the newsletter email.

1. Standing Order

If you use on-line banking, probably the best way is by a regular standing order. For many banks you can set it up yourself on-line and change it as required. The account details for the church are;

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| Account Name: PRCDTR Bracknell St Joseph | Sort Code: 30-93-04 |
| Bank: Lloyds Bank Plc, Palmerston Road, Southsea. | Account Number: 00875520 |

Or, if you prefer, you can complete a Standing Order form and hand it in to your bank. If you wish to change the amount donated you just inform your bank. Please complete and return a Gift Aid form to the Parish Office. The electronic forms are on the website.

2. Direct Debit

An alternative method is to use Direct Debit. To set up a Direct Debit complete the Direct Debit form hand it in to your bank. You will need to fill in a new form each time you want to change it. If you have not already done so and are able, please complete and return a Gift Aid form to the Parish Office.

3. Non-Regular Transfers

If you do not want to make a regular payment you can use on-line banking to make a payment at any time. Use the account details shown in 1. above. Please use the reference section of the on-line payment to state what money is for. For example, for general offering put "Offering" for the hardship fund put "Hardship" or whichever is appropriate.

4. Weekly Envelopes

Due to the Lockdown we have not been able distribute the new envelopes but hope to be able to make them available soon. These help, as with your envelope number we can claim back the tax if you Gift Aid your Offering. These envelopes are expensive to have printed and means that you have to remember to place your offering in the envelope for Mass, less convenient than Standing Order or Direct Debit.

5. Gift Aid

Whichever method you use, please Gift Aid your offering. You only need to do it once. The government spends our taxes based on its priorities which don't always match our own. We can re-direct some of our tax money to better things. By using Gift Aid on your offerings, we can claim an extra 25% from the Inland Revenue. It does not cost you anything but there are two conditions:

- a. The person giving the offering must be a UK taxpayer.
- b. The person giving the offering must pay more in tax than they give to charity.

If you haven't already Gift Aided your offering all you have to do is complete a Gift Aid form and send it to the Parish Office.

SOME OTHER WAYS YOU COULD HELP KEEP OUR PARISH SOLVENT

Corporate Matching Gift Program

Matching gifts are when companies match donations that their employees make to charities. When an employee makes a charitable donation, they will request a matching gift from their employer, who then makes their own donation. Companies usually make a donation on a 1:1 ratio, but some will double, triple, or even quadruple your donation.

For example: if you donate £1,000 to the parish, and your company matches on a 1:1 ratio, the parish receives £2,000; £1,000 from you and £1,000 from your company. This is an excellent way of expanding your gift to the parish, and it doesn't cost any more than what you already give.

The list of companies who offer gift matching is extensive, and it includes most major banks, insurance companies, and other organizations, both large and small. If you would like to see your sharing go even further, why not ask if your company has gift matching programme?

Legacy Giving

What we do with the gifts we have been given expresses what we believe. A legacy is a gift left for the benefit of future generations. Our Christian faith, even in death, calls us to witness the new life that God gives in Christ through his death and resurrection.

Your gift may take many forms such as:

- Lump sum bequests as stated in your will
- Beneficiary of Life Insurance or Tax-Free Savings Account
- Bequest of a specific asset such as real estate or securities

Gifts may be made by individuals, families, organizations and/or corporations. Giving to charity can earn significant estate benefits and provide tax advantages for individual and business owners. These gifts may be directed to the general revenues of the Parish or to any specific ministry within the Parish such as:

Debt reduction • Children & Youth • Music • Outreach • Adult Faith Formation • Sacraments • Evangelization • Alpha



CAR PARK SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL – The 2020-2021 car park subscription forms are available to download from the website or emailed to you on request. The subscriptions are for parishioners **only** renewals and new subscriptions. The new subscription period is from **Wednesday 1 July 2020** until **Wednesday 30 June 2021**.

Although the church car park is not in isolation, only the buildings are, you can park here if you have paid a subscription. As an act of goodwill, we are reducing the car park fee to **£40.00** for 2020/2021, as many subscription parishioners have not been able to use the car park due to personal isolation. Disability Blue Badge holders are free of charge, valid Blue Badge details will be required.

Please complete the form and return it to the parish office, via Royal Mail please include a stamped addressed envelope for sending your new window sticker, or through the Presbytery letterbox, along with your cash or cheque payment. The new windscreen sticker is yellow this year and can be collected from the Presbytery, please be aware that you will be challenged if you park in the church car park without displaying a valid sticker. In accordance with new GDPR guidelines all 2019 subscription forms will be shredded.



OPENING OF OUR CHURCH FOR PRIVATE PRAYER AND CONTEMPLATION

Thank you to all the parishioners who have volunteered to Steward at the private prayer and contemplation sessions in our Church, we are most grateful.

The sessions will commence on Thursday 2 July 2020 10am to 12noon, also on Friday 3 July and Saturday 4 July, then Monday to Saturday 10am to 12 noon until further notice.

Our parishioner capacity at each session is a maximum of 35 persons made up of 2 sets of one parent and one small child designated seats; 7 sets of one person designated seats and 12 sets of two persons from the same household designated seats. Two areas for the mobility impaired parishioners have 9 seats available, please let the Steward know on your arrival if you are mobility impaired. The wooden pews are the only seating allowed to be used to enable cleaning when you leave your seat, the pink soft seats are all cordoned off. The "out of bounds" seating are marked off with red and white tape. Social distancing of 2 metres must be maintained throughout your visit.

Please enter the church via the usual front doors. You will be warmly greeted in the porch by a Steward wearing PPE who will administer hand sanitiser and advise directions to seats and exits, You will be asked your name and phone number (mobile or landline) on your arrival, this is to comply with tracking and tracing. Able-bodied parishioners will exit the church via the hall front doors (please do not try to enter the church via the hall), mobility impaired parishioners will exit via the doors near St Anthony, into the porch and out of the main doors. Hand sanitiser will be offered on exit. If you are "shielding", "self-isolating" or feeling the symptoms of COVID-19 (temperature, persistent cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell) we ask that you do not come to the church for private prayer to avoid possible spread of the virus. Thank you in advance for complying to the instructions from the Stewards.

The toilets will be closed, please do not ask to use them as the request will be refused.

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, Peter Dossett, Ena Stanton, Inge Walker, Eddie Moore, Peggy Pendergast, Ann Newton, Joyce Newland, Bridie Maughan, Angelina Ediale, Josephine Timms, 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 Torode, Dorcas Innes-Grant, Veronika Jastrzebski, Doreen Gladwin, Jerry Tobin, Rico Morales, Reynalita Leysan, Jenny Bashford, Donal Hanley, Jim and Frances McEvoy, Mary Murray, Thelma Briggs, Margaret Pearce, Audrey Lam, Pam Savage, Marie Swash, Terri Landmann, Jennie Tucker, Vilma Tabora, Zac Hoy, Terry and Mary Brennan, Brenda Lynch, Amanda Killestein, Doreen Pryor

If you would like to add a name to this list with consent, or if you want a name removed, please contact the Parish Office.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF: Marie Hughes, RIP who died on Sunday 21 June 2020. Please also pray for her family and friends.

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

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH and ST MARGARET CLITHEROW, BRACKNELL

We are temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus

**Mass is livestreamed every Sunday at 10.30am
please join us via the following links:**

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/stjandstmcbrecknell/>

Website: <https://bracknellcatholicchurch.org>

If you need to contact us, the details are in the box below

You are all in our hearts and prayers

**Look after each other
be kind, be safe be well**

“Mother Earth is the source of life not a resource”

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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: Mary McNab

Safeguarding Representatives: Sarah Birch, Marion McGuire, Paula Read

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